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BOYCOTT MUST END.

NORMAL TRADE BEFORE END OF JULY?

"COMPROMISE WITH HONOUR."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, May 20.
In official and unofficial circles in Canton the feeling is growing that the Hongkong boycott not only must be brought to an end, but that the present situation will have been changed back to a basis for normal trade before the end of July—possibly sooner than that.

Canton, with a serious northern military venture on her hands, realises the necessity for putting her house in order. She wants to resume normal relations with the rest of the world, and to have, so far as possible, the sympathy and some measure of co-operation of the outside world. This, as much as a change of heart, accounts for the recent overture against the Communists, for it was realised that the Hongkong trouble could not be settled, and that outside sympathy could not be hoped for, so long as the Nationalist Government could, with any justice, be termed "Red."

"Compromise with honour," is the way one prominent official defined the terms upon which the Hongkong situation can be ended. More specific terms could not be elicited.

Military Campaign.
The military campaign is gradually taking shape, and if the Cantonese plans can be pushed to a successful conclusion, the Southern Government will control about one-third of China before winter.

Besides the large bodies of soldiers being sent daily from Canton to Suikwan, Kwangsi province is sending armies northward, and Kweichow province, though not under this Government, is co-operating with men and supplies. Hunan is to be taken first, then Fukien and then Chekiang provinces. This will leave Kiangsi no choice, but to come in with Canton. The Cantonese officials are also looking confidently for help from Yunnan, all local differences being forgotten in face of the peril of an advance by Wu Pei-fu.

Officials here say frankly that they had hoped to defer a test of arms with Wu Pei-fu until next year. They wanted another twelve months in which to consolidate their positions here, and in which to raise money, but Wu Pei-fu's declared policy, they say, have left them no choice except to take up the gauntlet.

Communists Aggrieved.
Meanwhile the Communists and Russians here are not accepting the Kuomintang's new policies with either meekness or satisfaction. They declare that General Chang Kai-shek is developing into another War Lord like Wu Pei-fu, that his "resolutions" against Communism were forced upon the Central Executive Committee by the presence of his soldiers, and that the Kuomintang is now merely a mask for Chang Kai-shek's personal tyranny.

For a day or two the now famous "eight resolutions" were regarded in some quarters as merely a blind to win back the alienated sympathy of the Chinese living abroad who have done so much to help finance the Canton Government, but now it is realised that Chang Kai-shek means business, and that the Kuomintang must be purged of Bolshevism.

A Surprise Order.
Last night General Chang Kai-shek sprung a surprise by issuing a military order forbidding the sale of liquor in the cafes along the East Bund, and in the Flower Boat section of the city. This section, usually the refuge of criminals or the politically wary, is today being combed by soldiers. Many arrests are being made, and virtual martial law is in effect. These measures are being taken because it is said that many discontented Communists took refuge there, and tried to use that section to foment trouble against the Government.

A Plum.
To every one's surprise San Fo was not elected permanent chairman of the Central Executive Committee. That plum fell to Chang Ching-kiang, a man little known in Canton, but long a zealous Kuomintang worker in other provinces. He hails from Chekiang, General Chang Kai-shek's own province, and his selection is taken as only another evidence of General Chang's present power.

READY FOR WAR.

CANTON AEROPLANES FOR NORTH.

HUNNAN OFFENSIVE.

Canton, May 21.

The Canton Government has decided to form a military base at Shuiwan (on the North River). Four aeroplanes are being sent there to reconnoitre on the boundary with Hunan province. Because General Chang Kai-shek and Dr. C. C. Wu have disfavoured the project, the rumours of a faint monopoly have died out.

The delegates of General Tang Sang-shi (the militarist who is being pressed south by Wu Pei-fu) have again been sent to confer with Canton on the offensive against Hunan. "Wah Tsz Yat Po."

An engagement is announced in London, between Hubert F. Phillips, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Nina M. Powell, daughter of Dr. Llewellyn Powell, of 10, Duke-street-mansions, W.I.

Hospital For Blind.

Now it is the Hospital For The Blind which is in trouble with the strikers. That institution refused to accede to a demand from picketers and Union leaders that the Union be paid \$2 per month for every \$10 in salaries paid to help, though the Union did succeed in making most of the employees pay tribute of \$1 per month for every \$10 of pay. Threats are being made of cutting off supplies and boycotting the institution.

Oil Monopoly.

It is now a practical certainty that the oil monopoly will be abandoned at an early date. Day after day various Unions and merchants' organisations pass resolutions declaring the monopoly an oppressive policy, and urging its discontinuance.

Meanwhile the seizure by pickets of \$11,000 worth of Texas Oil Company oil at Kowloon has brought about a new problem. The oil, which was American property, has been brought to Canton, and urgent representations are being made for its return or for an immediate cash settlement.

"Settle the Strike."

Ten more organisations have also passed resolutions "to settle the strike and boycott" against Hongkong by co-operative effort of workers, merchants and government. These organisations are the Peasant, Labour, Merchant and Student Co-operative Association, the Canton City Merchants' Association, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Unions Federation, the Canton Merchants Federation, the Kwangtung All-Province Educational Association, All-China Central Labour Union, the Kwangtung All-Province Peasant Union, and the Worker-Peasant-Merchant-Student Union.

No Offices For Communists.

Great interest is manifested here as to the official and army heads that will fall as a result of General Chang's resolutions to the effect that members of the Communist Party cannot hold office as heads of bureaus, and can no longer rank even as captains in the army—a lieutenant being the highest army rank open to a Communist here in future.

This resolution, it was announced, will be retroactive, which means great changes in the Government offices and in the army, or immediate and wholesale resignations from the Communist Party on the part of present office holders and army officials.

It is certain that the "house cleaning" will be thorough, and in the opinion of outsiders who are careful observers, it came none too soon, for the defeat of the "Christian General's" army at Peking recently was followed by a large influx of Russians and Chinese Communists to Canton, where they had expected a warm welcome.

It now develops that Wu Hon-man, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who "disappeared" from Canton ten days ago just after his return from Russia, is not hiding in Hongkong, as had been reported, but is actually in Shanghai on a secret mission of great importance to the Canton Government. It is thought to have to do with finances, and with the hope that Kiangsu and Anhwei provinces will help the south against Wu Pei-fu.

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LAST YEAR'S TRADING REVIEWED.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The 25th ordinary general meeting of Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., was held to-day.

There were present:—Mr. A. S. D. Cousland (chairman), Mr. F. M. Crawford (director), Mr. R. L. Bridger (director), Mr. W. A. Eustace (managing director), Mr. A. C. Howell (secretary) and Messrs. H. E. Scriven, H. Overy and G. W. Avenell (shareholders).

Mr. A. S. D. Cousland (Chairman) said:—The report and accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, adopt the usual procedure and take them as read.

Unfortunately, we were not so successful this year as last, and although there is a balance, to carry forward to the next account of \$1,431.28, this is accounted for by the transfer of \$7,000 from General Reserve.

This Reserve was set aside to meet special contingencies, and your Directors feel sure that you will agree with them when they say that this is an occasion to call upon this Reserve.

The stocks of the Company are absolutely clean and have, in every case, where necessary, been depreciated to replacement cost.

Although at the end of our financial year we had an overdraft of \$15,687.25, set off against this amount are payments in advance of \$9,991.09.

Trade depression has naturally detrimentally affected our business, in common with all others, and in face of this, I venture to think you will agree that the results of the year are satisfactory, bearing in mind the vicissitudes through which we have passed. There are many indications of general improvement in business during the coming year, and I am confident that this Company will receive its share of the benefit therefrom.

No effort has been spared to make the departments, and the store, up-to-date and the improvements in the lighting and setting out of the store have met with approval all round, as has also the alteration to our entrance.

Another point that I consider has had a detrimental effect on our sales is the blocking of the pathway due to the erection of the new Realty Building, this has had the result of driving the transient public to cross the road where otherwise they would have passed our store.

We have dispensed with our London Office, and our buying is now done through one of the largest buying agents in London, where each class of goods has the attention of a special buyer. Although only a small matter it ensures us receiving the best in style and quality.

I now beg to formally propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted, and I shall be obliged if some shareholders will kindly second the proposal whereupon any questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.

Mr. H. E. Scriven seconded. No question was put and the motion was carried unanimously.

Other business passed by the meeting comprised:—

Re-election of Mr. F. M. Crawford as a director, and of Messrs. Percy Smith Seth and Fleming as auditors for the current year—both motions proposed by Mr. H. Overy and seconded by Mr. G. W. Avenell.

COLONY'S FINANCES.

THE NEW YEAR BEGUN WELL.

JANUARY'S BALANCE.

The financial statement for the month of January, published in the current issue of the "Government Gazette," shows that the revenue from the 1st to 31st of January was \$1,666,210.77 against \$1,985,671.45 for the same period last year.

The expenditure for the same period amounted to \$1,824,684.18, as against \$1,846,604.00 last year.

The balance in hand at the end of January this year was \$8,465,109.32.

CINEMA INCIDENTS.

WITNESS WHO QUARRELLED WITH UNCLE.

A WORDED APOLOGY.

There was a continued hearing at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday of summonses and cross-summonses in respect of incidents in the "Star" theatre in which Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gill, Miss M. T. de Jesus Sequeira, Messrs. A. A. Barros, M. Prata, F. Prata and the Misses Beatriz and Celeste Gill are involved.

Mr. M. K. Lo, for Mr. and Mrs. Gill, put it to Miss Sequeira, the original complainant, that she had brought the case in order to get Mr. Gill into trouble and that she had told her friends that as a Government servant he would get into trouble for being in a police court case.

Miss Sequeira denied and said that she issued the summons because she was assaulted. She had no idea of revenge on Mr. Gill.

Mr. Lo questioned witness as to an apology which Mrs. Gill had made when she had called on Miss Sequeira. Witness admitted that Mrs. Gill made an apology and asked her (Miss Sequeira) not to worry her husband. Witness, however, wanted an apology in black and white and this had not been forthcoming.

Evidence was given by Miss Beatrice Gill bearing on incidents which led up to the alleged striking of Miss Sequeira by Mr. Gill. She admitted that she and Miss Sequeira laughed in the course of the picture presentation but denied that they were laughing at Mr. and Mrs. Gill or that they were kicking the seats.

Witness stated in answer to the Magistrate, Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl, that Mr. Gill was her uncle; but they had not been on friendly terms for some time owing to trouble. They had not spoken to each other since 1919.

The proceedings were adjourned until Tuesday afternoon.

EFFICIENCY.

PERSONNEL OF VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE.

ADVISORY POWERS.

As a sequel to the meeting at which possible closer co-operation between heads of firms and the H.K.V.D.C. with a view to greater efficiency, was considered, the Government "Gazette" stated that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen (under the Chairmanship of His Excellency the General Officer Commanding) to act as an Advisory Committee in connection with the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps:—

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Laard, C.B., C.M.G.), Chairman.

Messrs. R. M. Dyer, D. Abbey, F. R. Marsh, H. G. Hegarty, G. W. Sewell, F. M. Crawford, and A. Morley.

GIRL KILLED.

SCALDED BY BOILING WATER.

POT SPILLED OVER.

In spite of medical attention, a Chinese girl (9 years of age) died at the Government Civil Hospital this morning from scald wounds caused yesterday.

She lived at the 1st floor of Lamont's Lane, in the Wan-chai district and went into the ground floor kitchen. An earthenware pot, practically full of boiling water, was spilled over her. The burns were such that she was immediately taken to hospital and she succumbed this morning.

SQUALLY!

OCCASIONAL RAIN FORECASTS.

May 22 at 11.50 a.m.—Pressure has decreased moderately over Central Japan and slightly over South Manchuria. It has decreased slightly from Formosa to Hongkong and over Luzon. The northern depression is crossing Korea in an easterly direction. The depression over south-west China appears to have deepened.

Forecast.—South-west winds; fresh squally; overcast; occasional rain.

UNFAVOURABLE.

COAL MINERS REJECT NEW PROPOSALS.

MINERS' DELEGATES DISPERSE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 21.

The coal miners have sent a reply to Mr. S. Baldwin, Prime Minister, unfavourable to the acceptance of the latter's proposals, at the conclusion of a meeting at which an objection was raised to the suggested legislation providing for a permanent Wages Board, compulsory arbitration, and the assessment of the industry's capacity to pay wages on the basis of the full proceeds of the industry in the March quarter.

Bare Acknowledgment.

Meantime the miners' delegates have dispersed and will remain at home until they are recalled.

Up to now the miners have received from the Prime Minister only a bare acknowledgment to yesterday's resolution rejecting his new proposals.

Owners' Arguments.

London, May 21.
The owners' reply declares that Mr. Baldwin's proposals will not be helpful toward increasing the efficiency of the industry. On the other hand, it is impossible to continue to conduct the industry as a private enterprise unless it is accorded the same freedom from political interference as is enjoyed by other industries. The owners demand a period of freedom from industrial unrest, and political interference, when they guarantee that throughout the industry there will be a systematic effort toward development and progressive improvement.

The owners urge the restoration of the eight-hour day to reduce production costs, declaring that if this is accepted the reduction in wages will not exceed ten per cent.

RAILWAY AGREEMENT.

London, May 21.

At a meeting of the Railway Companies and the Railway Unions arrangements were arrived at for the suspension of the guaranteed week, thus enabling the Companies to spread out the work and remove the post-strike difficulties.

CHANGE FROM GOLD.

CONVERTING CAPITAL TO SILVER.

BANK OF CANTON.

Notice is given in the current Government "Gazette" issue of the introduction of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to authorise the Bank of Canton, Ltd., to convert its gold capital into silver.

The objects and reasons state that the Bank of Canton, Limited, was incorporated in Hongkong in 1912 with a capital of \$2,000,000. In 1919 in pursuance of special resolution under Section 3 of Ordinance No. 6 of 1919 the capital was converted into sterling and increased to \$2,000,000. It has since been increased further to \$1,200,000.

The conversion of the capital from silver into gold was at the time considered desirable in view of anticipated extensions of business in and large subscriptions to come from "Gold" countries but in practice such anticipations have only partially been realised and the Directors recognise that they are now faced, with altered conditions, which tend to centre the supreme interest of the Bank in the Far Eastern Trade, particularly in the Treaty Ports.

The Bank has now branches in Hankow and Swatow as well as in Shanghai and Canton, and intends shortly to open branches in other parts of China, a policy which will entail large dealings in silver and with the Head Office of the Bank situated in Hongkong where the currency is likewise in silver it is considered that on all grounds the balance of convenience lies, and well in future always lie, in favour of having its capital in silver. It is therefore desired to reconvert the capital into Hongkong Currency, and with a view to this being final clause 6 of the Bill reveals the Ordinance No. 6 of 1919.

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THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

THE PATH OF PROGRESS.

At this week's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge Theosophical Society on Thursday, Mr. H. E. Laneport gave an address on "The Path of Progress." He said in brief: Never was the world without Guides towards the Ancient Narrow Path of Human Perfection of which the Mystics of all ages, all religions and civilisations spoke, that Path which leads to human perfection far ahead of the slow advance of the masses, by the steeper, shorter road. There are These, Who have trod it and passed beyond the school of life on this earth—the Elder Brothers of Humanity—the Masters of Wisdom, of Compassion, of Love, and the narrow ancient Path is being trodden even in our days by a number of men and women who have realised that God has a Plan of Perfection with humanity, who are filled with the one desire to attain in order to bring down to struggling, suffering humanity the Light that will guide it safely towards its glorious goal. And the entrance to the Path, although carefully guarded, is always open to all aspirants who are willing to pay the price. The loftiest purposes of man's existence can only be accomplished by the conscious union of his will and intention with the powers and forces of Nature. As for treading the steeper Path it is not sufficient to regulate one's conduct with a reasonable regard to right and wrong, and for the rest, to trust blindly in the gracious mercy of God. As a man's intellectual, mental and spiritual nature develops, he becomes more and more conscious of the glorious purpose of human life, and he more and more eagerly strives to accomplish this purpose in his own person. After lives of noble work and unselfish achievements, he learns the transient and unsatisfactory nature of all this earth can give, the emptiness of all life limited by form. Sooner or later his soul once and for ever will break with earth and heaven, as incompetent to satisfy his needs, and this definite turning away from the transitory, unreal, will make him and the Path. First his Master Who will have watched his unselfish noble work through many a life, will accept the aspirant, more often unconsciously for the latter than knowingly, on the Preparatory Path, which he then will tread for a number of lives, till he has become worthy to enter the Path Proper, the Path of Accepted Discipleship. The Masters of Wisdom, the Elder Brothers of Humanity, Who have attained and have passed beyond human evolution ever watch the race, and mark any who by the practice of virtue, by unselfish labour and intellectual effort turned to the service of man, by utter devotion, piety and purity, draw after of the masses of their fellow men, and render themselves worthy of special help by special spiritual receptivity. Only those who show a capacity for quick progress and can thus be quickly fitted to become an intelligent helper of the human race in God's Plan can ever hope to tread the Path. There is no lack of information about the definite qualifications which by the wisdom of the Great White Brotherhood are laid down as the condition for becoming their Accepted Disciple. There are four of them: discrimination between the real and the unreal, desirelessness—indifference to external things in the knowledge of their worthlessness, the six qualities of good conduct, self-control as to the mind, "self-control in action, tolerance, cheerfulness, one-pointedness and confidence, and lastly—love. At this stage the qualities are not asked in perfection, but they must be earnestly striven for and partially be possessed by the disciple ere he is admitted to the first Great Initiation by which he becomes a younger member of the Great White Lodge of the Masters, the Men made Perfect. Having entered the Path of Human Perfection, he has to pass five Great Initiations, the last one being that of a Master of Wisdom, which is the first superhuman stage of the greater, the Cosmic Life. On entering the Path proper he passes through the First Great Initiation, at which stage he has to overcome three weaknesses. He must get rid of Superstition which thinks that the outer form is material or necessary to the Spirit, further he

BROKEN NECK IN PULPIT.

PREACHER'S LAST SERMON.

The funeral took place at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire on April 14, of the Rev. Alfred Ernest Taylor, aged 66, of Weston-super-Mare, who, although he sustained a broken neck in a motoring accident on Good Friday, afterwards travelled 140 miles by train, conducted, or took part in, four services at Beckenham, Kent, and died on April 18.

At the inquest at Beckenham the coroner found that death was due to haemorrhage caused by dislocation of the neck, and recorded a verdict of Death by Misadventure.

It was stated that Mr. Taylor was riding his bicycle in Cross Street, Weston-super-Mare, when he came into collision with a motor-car and was thrown violently into the road. To the surprise of the onlookers he got up and appeared to have escaped with slight bruises, and abrasions of the head, and shock.

The Rev. R. S. Greaves, vicar of St. Barnabas, told a "Daily Mail" reporter that Mr. Taylor preached his last sermon on the "Gift of Life." Mr. Greaves added:—

Mr. Taylor spoke with enthusiasm of the hopefulness of the future. Not once in the course of his sermon did he hint at the difficulties under which he spoke. When he arrived on the Saturday his head was bandaged, but on the Sunday morning he discarded the bandages for plaster dressings. During the service he asked the congregation to join with him in a prayer of thanksgiving for his escape.

After the evening service he complained of pains in the head. He went to bed about 9.30 p.m., and when a servant went to his room at 6.30 the next morning he was unconscious.

"War should not be the source of increased profit to any class or individual."—Major-General William Crozier.

must get rid of the delusion of the separated self in which he knows his self as other than those around him. Further he must cast away doubt, by knowledge of certain great truths—the knowledge of Reincarnation, the knowledge of Karma, the knowledge of the existence of the Path and the Superhuman Masters, and the power to attain to perfection. And when these fetters of the Spirit are cast away, then he undergoes the second Great Initiation which brings down into the waking consciousness of mortal personality the powers of the reincarnating Ego, and which teaches him to guide his steps by the light that streams from the Ego, the Higher Self. And when that is gained then the Third Great Initiation is open before the Disciple. Then he has to cast away forever love and hatred, the form of love which is attachment of the personal self to the personal self not the Love of Spirit to Spirit, the essence of God himself. Then rises up before him the fourth Great Portal, to pass which he has to pass through that Crucifixion characteristic of the last stage on the Path, where he has to know the loneliness of utter desolation, where friends desert him and enemies assail him, when he is thrown back solely on the immortal Self within, when no answer comes to the cry of anguish: "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Then, in that uttermost loneliness, he finds the Self, and he passes through the fifth Great Initiation. Then the Path is drawing to its end and the liberation of the Spirit is at hand. He has then to cast aside the remaining remnants of the last five weaknesses, which are the desire for life in form, as well as desire for formless life, and to get rid of the sublimest form of pride, of anger, of ignorance. These are the last five fetters which hold the Spirit in bondage, and then the fifth Great Initiation—that of the Master of Wisdom is reached, and then before the Pilgrim who has trodden the razor Path, opens the Glory of a higher Super-human evolution. And several of Those Who have attained, They are the Great Ones Who, being free, bind themselves by their own loving Will, and declare: "Until the least of My brethren is ready for Liberation, I will dwell amid the men of the Earth and point the Way to Peace."—Contributed.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

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NOTICES.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 28th MAY, 1926, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1925, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 12th to May 28th both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, May 8, 1926.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 28th MAY, 1926, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1925, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 28th MAY, 1926, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1925, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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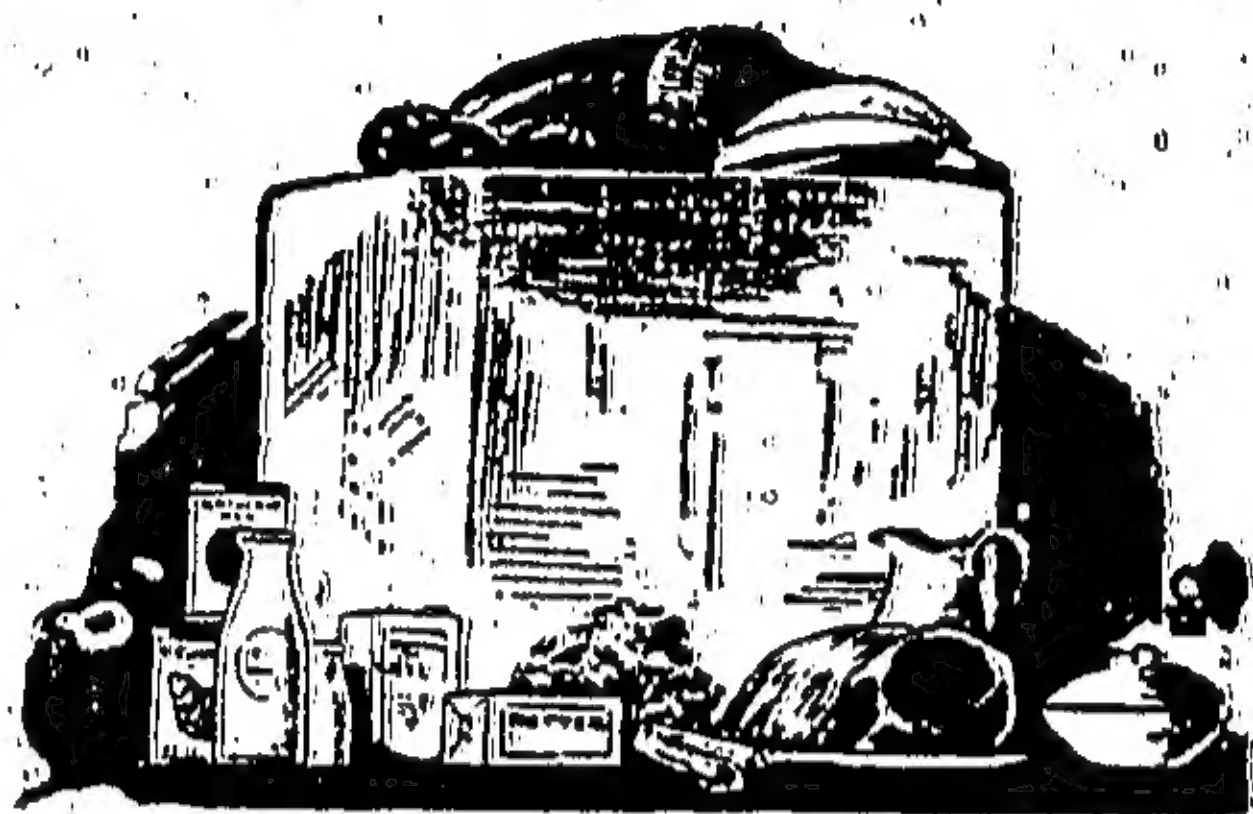
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LOCAL MEDICAL PROGRESS.

One of the basic rules for
successful development of a tropic
community is that progressive
health measures shall keep pace
with the growth of demand in
that respect. If in Hongkong
there is not that cohesion in the
departments concerned with
public health that one would like
to see, the results of the devoted
labours of our medical men yet
provide a record of individual
achievement of which they have
reason to be proud. Progress in
measures for the public health
during the last quarter of a cen-
tury has been considerable and no
one has been more closely asso-
ciated with such work than Dr.
W. W. Pearce who is to-night to
be the guest of past and present
members of the Sanitary Board
and Department and the Heads
of other Departments, on the oc-
casion of his approaching depar-
ture after twenty-five years of
directing local health measures.
Hongkong had none too good a
name as regards living conditions
when the position of Assistant
M.O.H. devolved upon Dr. Pearce.
Conditions had been such that
only a few years previously five
thousand persons died here in one
year as a result of a plague visita-
tion, the housing conditions and
general sanitation of the City
being deplorably bad at the time
of the outbreak, inviting pesti-
lence. So thorough have been the
measures taken in recent years
that Hongkong has been entirely
free from plague since the autumn
of 1923 although prior to that
time a hundred or more cases had
occurred in the course of each
year. Whilst it would be taking
a too definite view of such figures
to hold that plague has perman-
ently been stamped out in Hong-
kong, the measures which are
being taken locally to ensure solid
flooring (particularly of eating
houses and other places where
food is stored), also to eliminate
hollow walls, ceilings and rat
runs, have doubtless played a con-
siderable part in keeping the
disease so effectively in check.
Again, in the anti-malaria field
much has been accomplished. The
work is rendered difficult by rea-
son of continued development in
building but land has been drain-
ed and a good deal of personal
supervision of land put in with a
view to reducing to a minimum
the possibilities of mosquito

breeding. Campaigns of com-
munity education on vaccination
benefits and care of food, the lat-
ter with particular reference to
avoiding typhoid, have been
waged with a degree of success
and experiments carried out with
a view to bringing preventive
measures up to date. Constant
communication with other ports
on health questions has been pos-
sible as a result of the League of
Nations' Health Bureau. Lack
in some quarters of appreciation
of elementary hygienic laws is
perhaps the most acute difficulty
with which our medical officers
have had to contend and even in
quarters where responsibilities of
citizenship should be realised and
shouldered, our medical officers
have not always had the support
they should. To take very recent
instances, it has been necessary
to prosecute owners of dogs for
not observing the very necessary
regulations with regard to
muzzling. The result of non-
observance is that children have
been bitten and two deaths from
rabies are reported from the
western district. Are not these
instances symbolic of the attitude
of many people to measures which
may entail inconvenience but
which have been framed with the
public interest at heart? And is
it not time that the general body
of citizens realised more clearly
their responsibility to the com-
munity in matters affecting the
public health, giving considerably
more assistance to that body of
men who are working to the end
that tropic life may in the future
be no longer regarded one whit
less healthy than more temperate
zones? With a record behind him
of twenty-five years' hard work,
often in the face of apathy if not
at times hostility, we feel sure
that Dr. Pearce's answer to such
a question, if it were put to him,
would be that it is by such
closer co-operation between the
public and medical officers that
the best hope for the future lies.

LOCAL WILLS.

ESTATE OF THE LATE
MR. D. K. BLAIR.

Probate of the will of the late
Mr. D. K. Blair (secretary to the
Chamber of Commerce) has been
granted in the Supreme Court to
Mr. C. A. da Rosa of Hongkong,
joint executor with deceased's
widow, Mr. Blair died at Home
on February 15, 1925, leaving
\$180,800. The will was made in
Hongkong in 1919 and it divides
the estate among members of the
family and his widow.

Probate has also been granted
of the will of the late Mr. Tsui
Ping-nam of the Kwong Tak
Cheong Shipbuilding Co. who
died in 1924. He left \$498,600
which is divided among members
of his family.

The late Mr. John Kintrea
Grant, of Crager Sanatorium,
Colorado Springs, Colorado,
U.S.A., formerly of the Hong-
kong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration, left \$19,391 (personal
estate in Great Britain).

The annual reunion of the
Victorian Diocesan Association (a
Hongkong body in London) is to
take place on June 2 at Victory
House, Leicester-square, W.C.2.
When the chairman will be Sir
Frederick Lugard, a former
Governor of Hongkong, and among
the speakers will be Sir Claud
Severn, late Colonial Secretary;
H.E. the Chinese Minister, and
Rev. C. B. Shann, Warden of St.
John's Hall, Hongkong University.

"POISON WATER."

DEFENCE IN POSSESSION
CASE.

FOR TOOTHACHE?

At the continued hearing yes-
terday of charges of possession
of explosives brought against
Mohammed Rajah Salleh, a clerk
employed in the Ordnance Depart-
ment, it was mentioned that
amongst the chemicals found on
him was a bottle of chloroform.

The absence of three bottles of
chloroform from the China Dis-
pensary as to the whereabouts of
which no definite information could
be given when the police made en-
quiries, was also referred to in the
course of the case.

The "Mr. X." whose name was
mentioned at the last hearing as
being the man whose information
and preliminary negotiations had
led to the defendant's arrest was
stated at yesterday's hearing to be
a police informer.

Another man who played a con-
siderable part in the supposed
negotiations for the purchase of
explosives gave evidence yesterday
stating that he was represented
by the defendant as the chief
strike picket at Shumehun.

There was considerable differ-
ence between the version of wit-
ness and that of Mr. Arculli
(solicitor for the defence) as to
how the talk about "poison water"
started. Mr. Arculli put it to
witness that he told the defendant
he had toothache and that the
defendant replied that he had a
formula which the chemist had
prepared for him for toothache.

"The price charged for the bottle
was drawn attention to by Mr.
Lindsell, the Magistrate, this hav-
ing been \$60." It was rather a
large amount, the Magistrate com-
mented.

Mr. Arculli replied that de-
fendant was supposed to be some-
thing of an expert in these things
and the mixture required consid-
erable skill to prepare.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, the Government
analyst, gave evidence of the
nature of the liquids and powders
which had been found. Referring
to one bottle he said it contained
15 ozs of pure chloroform, coming
under the restrictions of the Phar-
macy Ordinance.

Another contained Flyosan (an
innocuous liquid) and another
small bottle two ozs. of chloroform.
A fourth bottle contained a mix-
ture of potassium chlorate and sul-
phide of arsenic.

This was a highly explosive mix-
ture, and could be exploded either
by a fuse or by detonation. It
would probably explode if a bottle
of it was dropped.

Mr. King: Have you had a
mixture like this in your hands be-
fore?—Yes. Its composition is
similar to the mixture found in
bombs.

Mr. Lindsell: The same as the
famous race-course bombs?

Mr. King: I am not alleging
that this man made the race-course
bombs.

Mr. Lindsell: No, of course not.
It was stated that the mixture
was similar to the bombs found in
the boarding house (mentioned in
a case at the Magistrate's some
weeks ago), Mr. Dovey adding that
those also contained nitro-glycerine.

In other tins and packets were
found powdered arsenic, potas-
sium chlorate and magnesium.

Shown three formulas, Mr. Dovey
said they were for the preparation
of Bengal lights. Questioned
about the price of the chemicals
Mr. Dovey said the potassium
chlorate and the arsenic would prob-
ably sell at about 75 cents a pound,
1s. to 2s. being the figure at Home.
Forty dollars for a bottle of the
mixture would give a handsome profit.
It was an artificial price, the
mixture not being worth more than
two dollars.

The hearing was adjourned until
next Tuesday.

PROPERTY AUCTION.

Nos. 15 and 17, Possession
Street (about 1,034 square feet,
annual Crown rental \$15) were
sold at the China Auction Rooms
yesterday after some brisk bid-
ding.

Starting at \$30,000, bidding
went to \$40,000, at which figure
Mr. Cheng Shiu became the pur-
chaser.

Members of St. John Ambulance
Brigade are reminded that a pre-
liminary parade will be held
to-morrow morning on the Spokum-
poo Recreation Ground at 9.15 a.m.

The christening of the infant
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert
W. Looker, of The Grove, Great
Baddow, Chelmsford, and formerly
of Hongkong, took place at Sandon
Church, Essex, on April 11, the
Rev. Kenneth Best officiating. The
child was named Gillian Stella,
and the god-parents were, Colonel
F. H. D. C. Whitmore, Rear-
Admiral H. L. d'Estotville,
Skipwith, Mrs. E. J. Coles, and
Miss K. Foster.

REAL ROMANCE.

FORTUNE FROM THE
PHILIPPINES.

Mrs. Selwyn Peabody, employed
as a clerk by a Johannesburg firm,
has been formally notified of the
existence of a considerable fortune
left him by a great-uncle, Mr.
Canham Peabody, late of Leyte, in
the Philippines.

The fortune, it seems,
amassed many years ago as the re-
sult of trade with the Cocos-
Keeling atoll, and other Indian
Ocean groups (as well as China sea
trade).

The amount which Mr. Selwyn
Peabody will probably inherit is
\$15,000, and he proposes to leave
within the next few weeks for
Singapore and Leyte, and after-
wards for London, says the "Trans-
vaal Sunday Times."

The story related by Mr. Selwyn
Peabody is that a fortnight ago he
was notified by a firm of London
solicitors that he had been be-
queathed a considerable sum, and
that he would either have to pro-
ceed to Leyte to view and deal with
certain fixed property in the neigh-
bourhood (as well as to comply
with details of the will), or he
would have to delegate these under-
takings to a legal representative.

Mr. Peabody states that his
great-uncle left London (which he
hated) some forty years ago, and
worked his passage on a barque to
China. He had been robbed of a
considerable sum when a young
bank official engaged in a transfer
of cash from a branch office to the
city, and the matter reflected on
him to the extent that he resigned
his position: only to find that he
could not secure another. This
rankled, and greatly embittered
him.

He thereupon went to sea, and
eventually entered into substantial
contracts with one of the Ross's,
descendants of the old sailor who
many years ago discovered and
settled on Cocos Island. The
islands are now utilised largely as
a cable relay station, and it was
among them that the Sydney-
Hemden battle was fought in the
late war.

Having amassed a considerable
sum, Mr. Canham Peabody made a
number of judicious oil and rail-
road investments in America, but
never communicated with his great-
nephew in South Africa—indeed,
he did not know of his existence.

In 1913 Mr. Selwyn Peabody hap-
pened to visit Durban, and witness-
ed an accident in the centre of the
town. A reckless motorist knock-
ed down an elderly man and passed
on without rendering assistance.
Mr. Peabody helped the victim to
his feet and took him to his hotel
—the Fern Villa.

He made several inquiries there-
after and learned that the injured
man, who recovered rapidly, was a
namesake of his; indeed, he ulti-
mately established the amazing
coincidence that they were related,
and that the convalescent was
actually his great-uncle!

"I bear no love for my family,"
said the old man, "and I shall never
go back to London. My experi-
ences there were awful. But you
have been very kind to a lonely old
man, and I shall not forget you."

He then took various details,
addresses and so on, and finally left
for the East. He corresponded
with his great-nephew for a while,
but ultimately dropped that.

Then, a fortnight ago, proof
arrived of the fact that he had not

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ACCURACY AND INCREASED
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A remarkable improvement in
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bullet. The outstanding features
of the new bullet are the increase
in maximum range from 3,500 to
5,500 yards and increased accuracy
of fire.

According to information obtain-
ed at the War Department, the new
bullet, when loaded in the case,
has almost the same appearance
as the model now in use in the
service, except as regards the
colour of the metal jacket which
is composed of 90 per cent. copper
and 10 per cent. tin in place of the
cupro-nickel jacket employed
hitherto.

Examination of the uncovered
bullet reveals that it is longer than
the one at present used in the ser-
vice, and that it has a tapered base
one-quarter of an inch in length.
This tapering base is accountable
for its greater range. The weight
of the new bullet is increased to
172 grains; the weight of the old
bullet is 160 grains.

The new bullet is known as the
"9 degree boat-tail bullet." The
degree indicates the angle of the
slope of the base, an important
innovation. The bullet is fired at
the same muzzle-velocity as the
old model by the use of a more
highly developed burning powder.

Travels Close to Ground.
The present service bullet, known
as the "1918 flat base bullet" was
selected from among millions of
rounds of ammunition produced
during the World War. The new
bullet derives its increased superi-
ority through minor technical
changes, though it is of the same
type.

The accuracy of fire of the new
bullet is said to be as great as that
of the old bullet is at a distance of 500
yards. The new bullet is regarded
by authorities as particularly valu-
able for rifle and for long range
machine gun barrages, because it
travels closer to earth, thus in-
creasing its effectiveness.

Credit for the development of
this new type of ammunition is
given to the Frankford Arsenal.
That plant is able to supply the
new type of bullet on a quantity
basis by mass production methods.

forgot the little act of kindness
done in 1913 in the Durban streets.

"My great-uncle spoke to me
then," said Mr. Peabody, "of his
rubber interests but East,
but declared that fever and shift-
ing markets made life not worth
living. He showed me with some
pride, and perhaps a little bitter-
ness, the tattoo marks made on
his arms when he was before the
mast; tattooing done in the South
Seas."

"His chief quarrel with London
was that, as he put it, it is inclined
to kick a man when down, and
that, he added, is why I went out
into the world."

Mr. Peabody, who is not unduly
elated at his good fortune, is un-
married, and possesses a small
private income.

HEROES AND HERO-WORSHIP.

There have been many arguments
about the world's greatest men.
Any good judge must put George
Washington high on the list. What
other hero is there whom we could
have taken seriously after such a
story as that about the cherry-tree
and the little hatchet and "I can't
tell a lie, pa"? Even Washington
has been damaged by it. The
natural man is apt to smile at his
sacred name, and use it profanely.
We know very well that the
cherry-tree tale is a fond thing
vainly invented by the imbecility
of a biographer, but the inability
of the Father of his Country to tell
a lie remains one of the world's
jests. Why Mr. Rupert Hughes,
who is an American novelist, felt
it his duty to protest against the
faith in the "spotless saint of
school-book tradition" does not
appear. The little hatchet is prob-
ably in the American school-
books; but American children must
be very different from ours (re-
marks a Home paper) if they take
narratives of the little hatchet
flavour to heart. Still, we admire
the courage of Mr. Hughes. His
sense of the appropriate seems less
developed. He was moved to de-
clare George Washington "a pro-
fane, irreligious, and pleasure-
loving man, a great card-player, slave-
owner, whisky distiller, and cham-
pion curser." "Immoral!" Mr.
Hughes would not call him, but was
bound to remark that Washington

"danced for three hours without
stopping with the wife of his prin-
cipal general" (this we take to be
a world's record), "and never pray-
ed, and consistently avoided partici-
pating in Communion." Whereas
the Sons of the Revolution were
naturally annoyed, and declared
that young America ought to be
bred up to believe in "the grandeur
of the first President of the Re-
public." A boy is, however, not
less, but more, likely to believe in
the greatness of Washington if he
is not also asked to believe that the
hero was a plaster saint. The
morality of Mr. Hughes is a great
deal too moral for us. To the stern
virtue which condemns a Virginian
squire of the eighteenth century for
doing what all the other Virginian
squires were doing then we make
no claim. In the course of nature
Washington owned slaves, played
cards, used strong drink, and swore.
He was a man, not a miracle. It
is far better that school-books
should present the greatest of
national heroes as the real men they
were. But it is even more impor-
tant that people should not be de-
luded into the belief that what
scandal can find to say about a
great man is all that matters. By
all means let Cromwell be painted
with a wart on his nose, but do not
let us suppose the wart the impor-
tant thing. The school of historic
criticism to which Mr. Hughes be-
longed is that which insists that
no man is a hero to his valet, and that
what the valet thinks must be
right.

FRANC SUPPORTED.

DECISION OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

SUCCESSFUL ACTION.

(Reuter's Agency.)

Paris, May 21.
The Government's action to support the franc, which resulted in a rise in the franc on New York, was the decision to create a central clearing office to take charge of forward foreign exchange dealings. The clearing office is to take the form of a joint stock company, wherein shareholders will be banks recognised by bankers and official brokers and certain industrial groups.

The "Eco de Paris" says that prominent American and British financiers appear to be willing to co-operate cordially with France in the latter can restore confidence at home and among the possessors of French capital abroad in such a way that the latter may be induced to bring back wealth to France.

Vital Date Weathered.

Paris, May 21.
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M. Briand, the Premier, and M. Peret afterwards conferred with the Governor of the Banque de France, after which M. Peret announced that the agreement between the Government and the Banque de France was never broken in spite of insinuations to the contrary. They were considering new methods of restoring the franc, and the proposals were progressing satisfactorily. The Banque de France had resolved to support the Government until the franc was victorious.

Beneficial Result.

London, May 21.
Mr. Peret's promised measures have reacted favourably, the French franc in London rising to 149.75. The Belgian franc sympathetically improved to 149.25.

Optimistic.

Paris, May 21.
M. Peret, in the course of a statement after his conference with M. Briand and the Governor of the Banque de France to-night, remarked that the recovery of the franc was made without appealing for foreign aid. They hoped that the improvement would become more marked.

The offensive launched by the Government to improve the value of the franc was directed by Lazard Brothers, who were offering dollars and sterling in unlimited amounts. The selling chiefly took place in Paris and New York.

Confirmation.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, May 21.
Drastic measures are contemplated by the Government for the improvement of the franc, chiefly the creation of a clearing house for all transactions involving foreign exchanges.

CIVIL WAR.

MISSILES FALL ON SHIPS AT CHUNGKING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, May 21.
Mr. Wang Hui-ching has restored to the owners the Hanchu property in the suburbs of Peking which Marshal Feng Yu-shiang turned over to his brigadiers so that the rents would serve as pensions for incapacitated Kuomintang troops.

The confiscation of these properties, it is said, left many Manchus without means of livelihood.

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GREAT FIRE.

NICARAGUAN TOWN NEARLY DESTROYED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Managua, May 21.
The town of Matagalpa, centre of the coffee-growing region, has been almost entirely destroyed by fire.

RELEASED.

AMERICAN CAPTAIN NOW FREE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, May 21.
The American Consul at Yunnan telegraphed on the 19th inst., saying that the local Governor had received a telegram reporting that Captain Betts had been released.

According to a previous report Captain T. J. Betts, American Language Officer, who is touring the provinces for language purposes, was captured by bandits on the 17th inst., near Lai Tou-po. Captain Betts belongs to the American Coast Artillery, and is well-known in Peking, where his wife and mother reside. It appears that Captain Betts left Peking in March on a mission he voluntarily undertook for the famine relief Commission, in connection with the organisation of a new committee in Yunnanfu. On May 1 he telegraphed to Peking, stating he had completed his task, and intended to go overland to Chungking, where he expected to arrive on June 7, instead of returning to Hanoi by rail.

No word of him had since been heard. Of splendid physique, Captain Betts was a conspicuous figure in Peking. He was born in Newchwang and speaks English unusually well.

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LOCAL SHARES.

REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK.

Moxon and Taylor in their weekly share report dated May 21, state:

We have had a quiet market during the past week but the undertone is steady, sellers showing little disposition to accept lower prices.

Shanghai market remains steady. The following are the principal alterations since last week:

Banks—Continue in good demand and have risen to a buying rate of \$1.100.

Unions—Have been a steady market and are wanted at \$288.

Canton Insurances & Hongkong Fires—Are firm and wanted at quotations.

Hoteles—Continue in good demand closing with buyers at \$10.40.

Electricity—Are steady and are wanted at \$64.74.

Traps—Are rather easier and have come to business at \$23.74.

China Sugars—Are acquired for and could be placed at \$24.74.

China Lights—Are in more demand, buyers paying \$18.74 for the Old and \$9.74 for the New, after coming to business at \$14 and \$10.

Steamboats—After coming to business at \$24.74, close with buyers at this price without attracting sellers.

Land—Are firm and are wanted at \$62.

Humphreys—Could probably be placed at \$14.74.

Cements—Are steady with more enquiry.

Wharves—After coming to business at \$128, are wanted at \$126.74, without attracting sellers.

Hongkong Docks—Are nominal and few if any shares changed hands.

Star Fernies—Are on offer at \$62.74.

Dairy Farms—Have been more or less neglected.

London Quotations of the 20th inst.—Banks \$125, Indos Debet \$5 10.4, Shell \$4 13.8, Oil \$11.4.

Exchange—Demand rate on London is 2/2.13-16 and 7/7 on Shanghai is 75.75.

Subject to confirmation the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd. have declared a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum on 25,000 fully paid up shares, a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum on 48,450 shares \$5 paid up, (\$3 per share paid up for 6 months, \$5 per share paid up for 6 months) and a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum on 1,325 shares \$1 paid up, payable on May 23, 1916.

The transfer book of the Company will be closed from May 24, 1926 to May 31, 1926.

WASPS' WINGS.

MANUFACTURE OF NEW "SILK."

Two German professors at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Dahlem, a suburb of Berlin, have applied for a patent for an invention, which they believe is destined to play an important part in the textile industry.

They claim to have invented a method of using the heads and wings of various insects, such as cockchafers, wasps, locusts, and beetles, as well as the shells of crabs and other crustacea, for the production of a new substance containing chitin. This material, on the addition of certain chemicals, can be spun into a fine thread by a process similar to that employed in the manufacture of artificial silk. This new thread is said not only to have a sheen and fineness equal to that of silk, but also to be exceedingly pliable and far stronger than silk.

This discovery would be of little practical value if the manufacturers of the new material had to depend on the somewhat limited supply of the insects in question. The two professors state, however, that they have already discovered a substitute for the beetles' wings in the form of a material which is obtainable in inexhaustible quantities in nature, and at a low price.

They decline to reveal the nature of this substance until the patent rights have been fully secured. The Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, already famous for its numerous inventions in the realm of poison gas, hopes, by this discovery, to win new laurels in more peaceful spheres of industry.

WIDOW'S HOUSE ROBBED.

A Chinese widow, living at No. 222, Queen's Road Central, lost \$720 in money and jewellery on Thursday night, somebody entering her flat by the skylight. The theft was reported yesterday.

A Chinese woman, employed by the Sang Lee contractors at Third Street, was assaulted by two men yesterday. She was taken to hospital, and the others to the police station.

CHINA CUSTOMS.

FATE OF THE CONFERENCE.

According to the "Hochi," a view is gaining ground among the delegates of the Powers attending the Customs Conference in favour of the cessation of the Conference, in view of the very uncertain and insecure political situation now prevailing in Peking. It is contended by many that now that the Tuan Administration, which was recognised by the Powers, has fallen and there is considerable uncertainty as to whether a stable Government will be organised in the near future, it is best to put an end to the Customs Conference and let the delegates of the Powers go back to their respective homes. The future relations between Marshals Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-lin, the two pre-eminent leaders in Peking politics at present, are regarded with much apprehension, and the existence of 100,000 adherents of the Kuomintang still watching for an opportunity to secure power is also deemed a very disquieting factor in Peking politics. At the outbreak of the hostilities between the Kuomintang and the Mukden forces, the "Hochi" recalls, the Italian delegate suggested that the Conference should be broken up, and another suggestion of the same purport was made by the French delegate, when these hostile forces came into a severe clash at Yangtsun some time afterwards. This suggestion was discontinued by the Japanese and American delegates, who pointed out that if the Conference was discontinued then, all hopes for its resumption would be well-nigh gone. They also contended that although the hostilities went on vigorously, the Tuan Government continued to function.

On April 20, the "Hochi" understands, the British delegate, acting under instructions from his home Government, brought forward another proposal urging the suspension of the Conference, and the American delegate, signified his agreement. This led the Japanese delegate to modify his attitude somewhat. At a meeting of the Japanese, British and American delegates on April 24, the "Tokyo Journal" says, it was informally agreed that the delegates of the Powers should meet to discuss the subjects which were still unsettled, and the decisions arrived at should be submitted to a new Chinese Government, when it was formed, for acceptance. In the event of these decisions not being accepted by the Chinese Government, it was further agreed, the Powers should break up the Conference and those delegates who are not appointed from among the diplomatic representatives in Tokyo should return to their respective homes. These informal decisions have been wired by the Japanese, British and American delegates to their home Governments for approval. The "Hochi" adds that the visit of the American Ambassador in Tokyo to Baron Shidehara, the Foreign Minister, on April 26 was evidently in connection with this matter.—"Japan Chronicle."

"Keep busy to keep business."—John E. White.

Some of the scaffolding, on that part of the Hongkong Hotel damaged by the fire on New Year's Day, was blown down about 4 p.m. yesterday. Fortunately no passer-by or wheel traffic was "in range." Beyond causing a temporary obstruction, there was no trouble.

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May 22—Star Theatre: "Reckless Romance."

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May 24—Special tea times at Repulse Bay Hotel from 4 to 6 p.m.

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June 3—Dance display by Miss V. Capell's pupils at City Hall, 9 p.m.

June 9—The pupils of Miss Violet Capell will dance at the City Hall, at 5.15 p.m.

May 22-24—Royal Hongkong Golf Club holiday matches at Fanling.

May 24—Fanling Hunt Steeplechases, 3 p.m. 1st race.

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May 29—Opening Baseball match of this season between South China (champions) and Japanese Baseball Club.

June 5—Third Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, at the Race Course, Happy Valley.

Auction.

May 28—At the premises of Messrs. G. P. & H. A. Lammer, Bank of Canton Building, 2nd floor, Des Voeux Road Central, office furniture, etc., 11 a.m.

Company Meetings.

May 28—Fifty-third Meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd. in Union Building, 11 a.m.

May 28—Sixtieth Meeting of British Trade's Insurance Co., in Union Building, 11.15 a.m.

May 28—Fifty-seventh Meeting of China Fire Insurance Co., in Union Building, 11.20 a.m.

May 28—Annual meeting of the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.

May 29—Yearly meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., in Roof Garden of Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

May 23—Preliminary parade of Members of St. John Ambulance Brigade on Sookumpoo Recreation Ground, 9.15 a.m.

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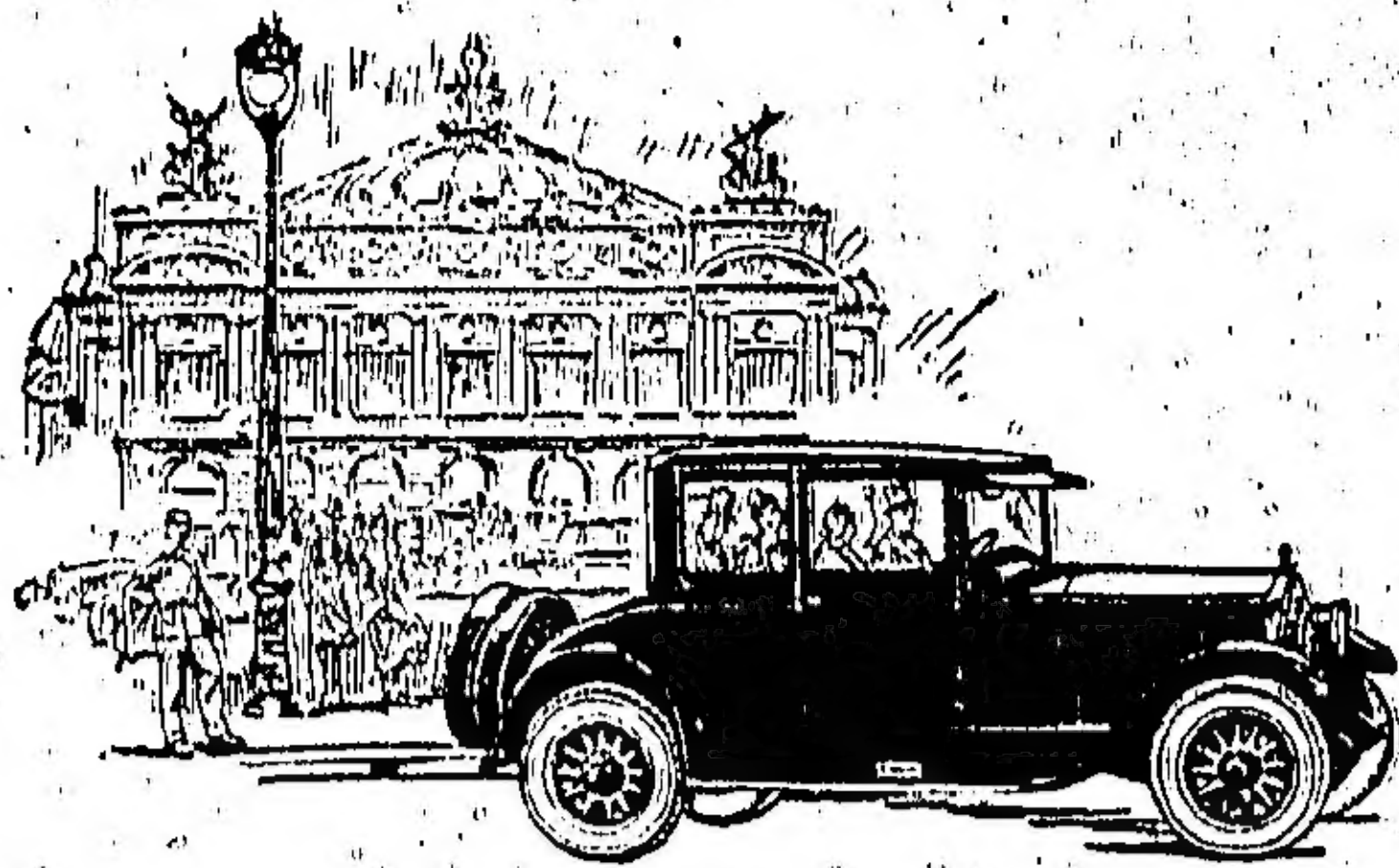
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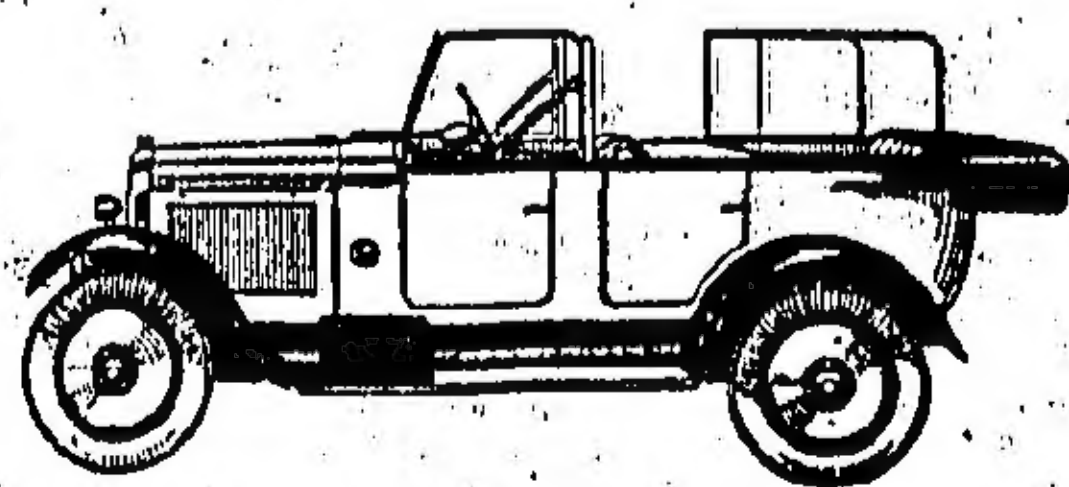
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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Racegoers are reminded of the "Falling Hump" steeplechase meeting on Monday. Particulars and train times are given in the advertisements.

Mr. Verhormel Shewaram, the proprietor of Messrs. Verhormel Shewaram & Co. and the Pioneer Silk Store, is due to arrive in the Colony from India by the s.s. "Coblenz" to-morrow on a pleasure trip to China and Japan.

If the famous original Siamese twins had lived they would have grown into two beautiful women, according to Dr. Ludwig Hektoen, of the New York McCormick Institute. In Hygieia he publishes, for the first time, a record of the first post-mortem which was made to discover whether the single body had two souls.

Tokyo, May 12.—Superstition, which still prevails in the rural district of Japan, caused Sajujiro Hamada, a fisherman of Toyama Prefecture, to be fumigated to death by his wife. Hamada was suffering from mental affliction and his wife thinking him possessed of the devilish "Fix Spirit," bound him while he slept, and subjected him to a thorough fumigation with sulphur fumes. The man was suffocated.

Mr. Harry Bury, an old-age pensioner, of Milk Street, Bath, owes his life to the pick of a blind man named Sawyer, who sells postcards outside the abbey. The blind man, calling on Bury, found the room full of smoke. He groped round and discovered the old man lying insensible with his clothes and hair on fire. Sawyer summoned help, but he had partially beaten out the flames himself when assistance arrived.

Rather a heavy penalty was imposed on a Chinese chauffeur in the Shanghai Mixed Court when Chong Te-sing was sent to prison for twenty-one days. The evidence against the accused was that he had failed to obey a traffic signal and collided with a cyclist, and after the accident drove away without waiting to see the result of the accident. The accused said that a funeral was passing at the time and after it had passed he did not see the signal against him and drove on as the road was clear. The accident to the cyclist, with whom he collided, apparently did not matter and the sentence of the Court was 21 days.

Capt. J. McAllister is leaving the Bangkok pilot service to join the Singapore pilot service. He is the fifth skipper from Bangkok to join the latter service, the others being the late Capt. Gray, the late Capt. T. Robinson, Capt. G. D. Rushton and Capt. E. A. Shepherd.

In his annual report, the British Resident of Pahang, records that a discovery of considerable historical interest was made at Pahang Tua in 1925. This was the finding of the tomb of Muhammad Shah the first Sultan of Pahang. The inscription on the tombstone marking his grave gives the date of his death as the 18th Jamad Al Awal 1880 A.H. which corresponds with September 17, 1475 A.D.

The "Times" of April 15 publishes the Easter Term results of the Inns of Court bar examination, and among them are two Malayan successes. Mr. Khoo Teck Ee, of the Middle Temple, son of Mr. Khoo Keng Hoo, of Kuala Lumpur, has come out ninth in the list of 62 passes in the second class—a creditable performance. Tunku Abdul Rahman, of the Inner Temple, son of H.H. the Yang di Per Tuan Besar of Negri Sembilan, has gained a second-class in Roman Law and a third-class in Criminal Law and Procedure.

By the Blue Funnel "Patroclus" there left Singapore Mr. F. G. E. Williams, who severs his connection with the Municipal electrical department after fourteen years' service in Singapore. Mr. Williams, whose cheery personality and wide popularity are well-known, carries with him the good wishes of a host of friends especially those connected with the work of the Church of England in that Settlement. During his term here, says the "Free Press," Mr. Williams has been a keen volunteer, a member of the Cathedral choir, house master of St. Andrews' where he did an excellent work amongst the boys—Sunday School teacher, Secretary of the C.E.M.S. and member of the Parochial Council, bringing to each energy and enthusiasm. The Choir met at a farewell tennis party given by the Archdeacon, at which occasion was taken to bid Mr. Williams farewell and to present him with a gold wrist watch.

The inhabitants of Kampong Balingian have called in the help of the police against the hordes of gray apes which have killed three children within two days, says a Medan report of May 5.

Tokyo, May 10.—A Selyuhonto party member was arrested to-day at Osaka. This followed upon the publicity given to the Osaka licensed quarters scandal. Reports say the Selyuhonto received thirty thousand yen bribe through the hands of Mr. Takami.

With the replanting in the past winter of a wood burned down near Fochabers, Scotland, seven years ago, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon completes a ten years' scheme in which 1,000 acres in the vicinity of Gordon Castle have been planted with 6,000,000 young trees.

Malaria has been on the increase in Kuala Lumpur lately, and the public should be particularly careful about tins, coconut shells, or anything that may contain stagnant water. Bowls in which stand the legs of the chests can and do harbour larvae unless disinfected. It is added, or the water changed frequently. Good advice for either Kuala Lumpur or Hongkong.

A dog worth £12 an ounce of his weight—which was 2½ lb.—was one of the leading features of the open show of the French Bulldog Club of England, which was held at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster. This valuable exhibit was a papillon or butterfly dog, named Piccolo de Flandre, and was shown by a London woman, Mrs. L. H. Stratton. Piccolo is not quite three years old; but has already won two challenge cups and forty-four first prizes.

The construction of a three-mile tunnel underneath the Kanton Straits, connecting Kanton with the mainland of Japan, is to be started in all probability in 1927, according to a tentative announcement by the Railway Office. The cost is estimated in the neighbourhood of £20,000,000. This tunnel was originally planned to be driven at an estimated cost of ¥15,000,000 some years ago, but the great Kanto catastrophe of 1923 proved a severe setback to the project. But inasmuch as the daily freight carried across the Straits amounts to 5,000 tons, representing 400 carloads, the Railway Office has decided that the time is ripe for expediting the work.

A conference of Japanese Consuls at Yangtze ports to discuss some important questions relative to the revised Chinese tariff, is being held at the local Japanese Consulate-General.

Submarine XL, the largest vessel of her type in the world, a submersible cruiser with a surface displacement of 3,800 tons, has left Portsmouth for Gibraltar, and will probably extend her cruise halfway round the world. This trip is no doubt the first stage of an experimental voyage similar to that carried out to Singapore and back by submarine K26 in 1924, and will extend to about 20,000 miles.

Charged with circulating false rumours tending to injure the credit of the Oriental Cotton Mill and Chan Liang-chung, and with inciting persons to commit a breach of the peace, two editors, Ching Chien-huo and Chen Poo-lai, appeared at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on May 14. Messrs. H. D. Rodger, A. M. Preston, F. Premet and Covey appeared for the accused. The accused were remanded for one week for the police to appear to prosecute.

Chinese students once more find themselves in conflict with the Minister of Education. The latter has issued an order prohibiting dramatic performances in schools, complaining that the students have turned themselves into actors and actresses, and oftentimes converted the school into a theatre. They take pleasure in exhibiting themselves as men or women before the public, and "teasing each other" and quarrelling. This is against the regulations, says the Minister, and in future if his prohibition order is disregarded, the principal of the school will be held responsible.

Progress has already taken many secular liberties with the river Jordan, and now Lord Plumer has signed a concession for the harnessing of its waters for electric power. If the old rivalry still survives, it may, at least, count one up on Abana and Pharpar. Or it may be the other way. In these days of increasing domination over nature, it is difficult for us to recover the old idea of a river as a wild creature with a life of its own, impatient of interference, and resenting even the "indignity" of a bridge. Is a bridge an affront, what is an electric power station but abject slavery?

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. F. K. Wilson has taken up the duties of Second Magistrate in Penang. Previously he was the Assistant Registrar at Singapore, and for a while was in the Treasury Department, Penang.

The preacher at Union Church, Shanghai, on May 16 was the Rev. W. E. Soothill, M.A., Professor of Chinese at Oxford University and a member of the British Boxer Indemnity Commission.

Boasson and Van Overzee, Singapore, received a telegram on May 8 informing them that their senior partner, Mr. J. B. Boasson, suddenly passed away in Amsterdam. Out of respect for the deceased, the Singapore office was closed for the day.

The death is announced of Mr. Thomas Burberry, at the ripe age of 90 years. Mr. Burberry was the pioneer of the rainproof garment trade. He was a deeply religious man, a non-smoker and teetotaler, a strong advocate of temperance, and one of his hobbies was to buy up licensed premises for conversion into teashops.

A farewell party was given on April 24 at Pootungfu to several persons who are leaving shortly for America and Australia. Those who plan a visit to America include Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Cunningham, Miss Florence Logan and Miss Laura Richards of the Presbyterian Mission; Rev. and Mrs. Elmer W. Tait and three children, American Board Mission; Rev. and Mrs. Francis M. Price of the American Board Mission will also leave before long for America but do not intend to return.

That youthful-looking Minister, Major the Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore celebrated his forty-first birthday in East Africa, where he is taking one of his official tours as Under-Secretary. Despite the advantages which accrue from being the son and heir of Lord Harlech and son-in-law of Lord Salisbury, "The Traveller," as he is known to his intimates, is a most painstaking Minister who should have a useful career in front of him. If he can only postpone the evil day when he will have to pay the penalty of an elder son—relegation to the House of Lords.

Mr. J. M. Davies, of the Institute of Pacific Relations, Honolulu, arrived at Shanghai from Japan. Mr. Davies will confer with local organizations on the subject of promoting better relations between nations on the Pacific.

Tokyo, May 13.—A special envoy of the Vatican was received in audience by the Prince Regent, of Japan yesterday, when the former presented a message from the Vatican. Interviewed by press representatives, the Roman envoy stated that the Vatican wished that Japan would send a religious minister to Rome.

Bridgeport, Connecticut, May 13.—John King, former Republican national committeeman, indicted with Harry M. Daugherty and Thomas W. Miller for attempting to defraud the government, is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home here. His physician said to-day that his recovery was doubtful.

The following Shanghai Municipal Council Committees have been duly constituted—Electricity Committee—Messrs. A. D. Bell, K. Kuroda, W. P. Lambe, F. W. Massey and J. Quin. Foreign Education Committee—Mr. A. D. Bell, Mrs. A. D. Bowman, Mr. J. S. S. Cooper, Mrs. A. C. Green and Mr. R. F. C. Master. Chinese Education Committee—Messrs. Chang Niehyn, Chieh Nieh, R. E. S. Gregson and J. J. Paterson, and Rev. G. W. Sheppard. Band Committee—Dr. W. J. Isenman, Brig-General Macnaghten and Mr. V. Meyer.

Hankow, May 8.—The German community sustained a loss under tragic circumstances in the early hours of Wednesday morning in the person of Mr. G. Schelthauer, son of Mr. H. Schelthauer, a valued servant of the Kailas Gung Tse. It appears to be one of those inexplicable mysteries of the personal value of human life, sacrificed for a mere trifle through inability to face moderate and kindly censure. Young Schelthauer seems to have mixed himself up with somewhat undesirable company and to have run into debt and rather than go to the natural source for the solution of his difficulties he took his own life with a revolver.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

THE AUSTRALIANS.

CAMBRIDGE 2nd INNINGS
COLLAPSE.

BUT MATCH DRAWN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cambridge, May 21.

The match between the University and the Australians was left drawn. Third day's play:—
Warm weather, with sun and wicket lucky.

Position at start:—Cantab (1st) 212 (Bentley 93, Dawson 60, Ryder 6 for 74). Australians (1st) 165 for 4 (Woodfull 64 not out).

The Australians (1st innings) realised 235 runs. W. M. Woodfull made 98 not out, batting four hours.

TURF REQUEST.

WILL JOCKEY CLUB STEWARDS
PLEASE NOTE?

PADDOCK FACILITIES.

To the Editor of the China Mail.

Sir,—I admit that there is no room and the best has been done but I would like to vent a grouse about the race course, by courtesy of your newspaper.

Only the owners, trainers, officials, jockeys and stable boys are allowed inside the paddock. Those in the members' enclosure can walk up to the paddock fence. In the public ring one cannot see the ponies before going out on the course, by which time the tote will have closed. The drawing for places is only posted up inside the

COUNTY CRICKET.

SURREY BEATEN AT THE
OVAL.

SURPRISE RESULTS.

Surrey lost to Sussex at the Oval, mainly owing to batting by the Gilligan brothers and bowling by Tate. (A. E. R. Gilligan was, of course, the last England captain, but his bowling has been impaired by an injury. Otherwise he would very likely be skipper again).

From the results cabled overnight by Reuter, it seems that Surrey collapsed in the first innings and made a fairly good try in the second. Surrey's lack of stock bowlers must have been plainly evident.

EPSOM DERBY.

COLORADO LEADS IN THE
BETTING.

LATEST "BAROMETER."

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 21.

Betting on the Epsom Derby (1½ miles, June 2) is as follows:—
Colorado 5/2 offered, 3/1 taken.
Coronach 7/1 (t. & o.)
Lex 9/1 (t. & o.)
Apple Sammy 100/7 (t. & o.)
Roseheart 100/8 (t. & o.)
Swift and Sure 20/1 (t. & o.)

STEEPLECHASE "BETS."

At the Fanning steeplechase meeting on Monday, tickets on the cash sweep will be at \$1 each instead of \$5. On the pari-mutuel, ordinary tickets will also be \$1 each, except in the "double event" totalisator, where chances will be \$5 each "double."
It is also hoped to announce the scratchings from each event before racing begins.

NEW BOXING CHAMPION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Seranton, May 21.

A coal miner named Pete Latzo, won the world's welterweight boxing championship, defeating Mickey Walker (on points) in ten rounds.

weather in the first week or two, and have dropped points. The check on Surrey and Middlesex paved the way to Yorkshire becoming champions again this season.

Details follow:—
Surrey v. Sussex.
At the Oval, Surrey lost to Sussex by 92 runs. Scores:—
Sussex (1st) 231 runs. A. H. H. Gilligan (brother of A. E. R.), made 74, and A. E. P. Gilligan made 62.
Surrey (1st) 185 runs. Tate took 4 wickets for 40 runs.

Sussex (2nd) 288 runs. A. E. R. Gilligan made 110 not out. P. G. H. Fender took 7 wickets for 86 runs.
Surrey (2nd) 287 runs. Sandham made 70, Shepherd 50; Tate 7 wickets for 90 runs.

Middlesex v. Hants.
At Lord's, Middlesex lost first innings points to Hampshire in a drawn match. Scores:—
Middlesex (1st) 303 runs for 9 wickets, declared. Hearne (J. W.), made 151 not out.

Hants (1st) 450 runs. Newman made 134, R. Aird 83, Mead 74, C. F. Bruton 88.
Middlesex (2nd) 197 runs for 5 wickets. Hearne made 61 not out and F. T. Mann 60 not out.

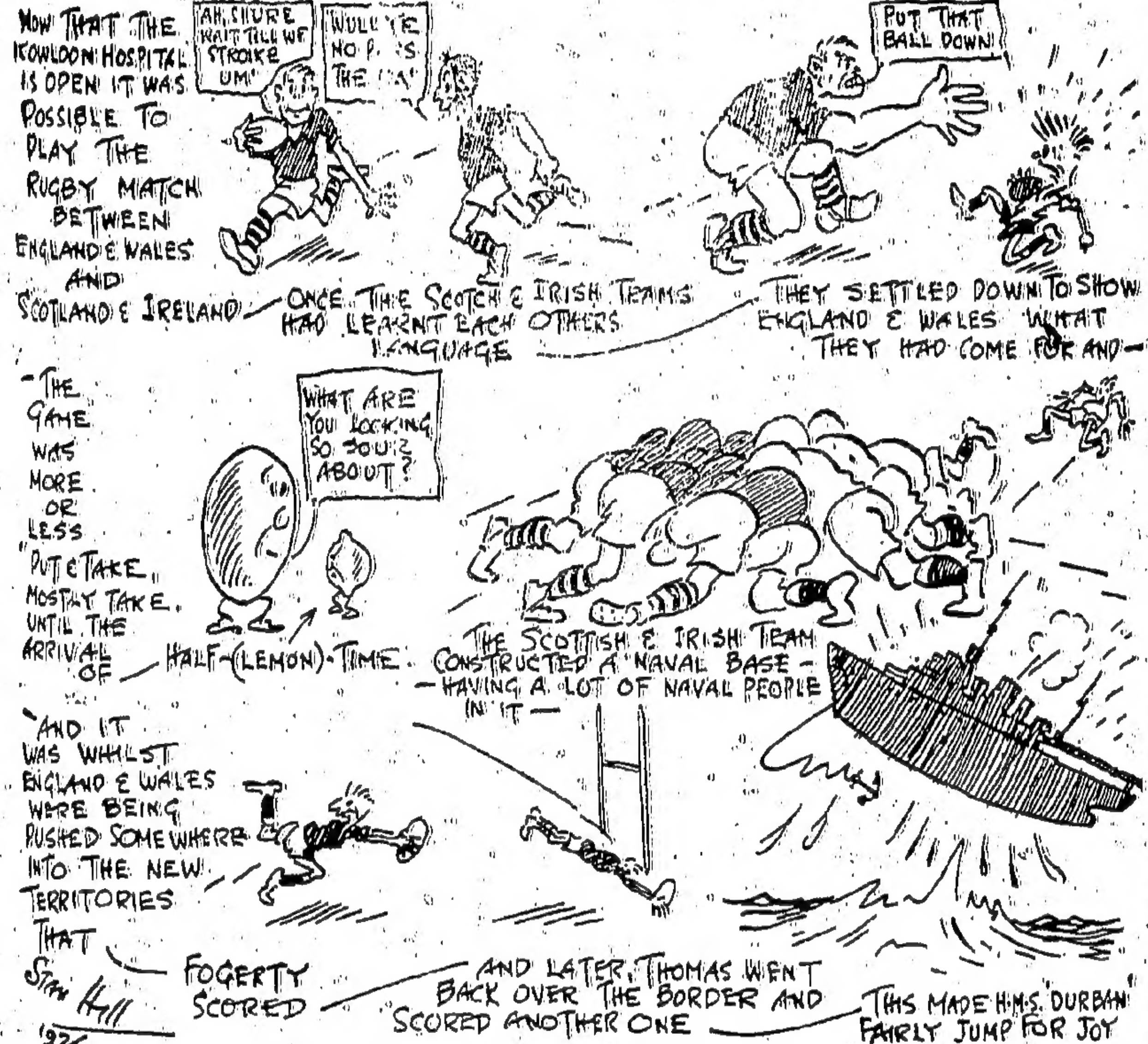
Lancs v. Leicestershire.
At Liverpool, Lancashire beat Leicestershire by 138 runs. Scores:—
Lancs (1st) 256 runs. Tyldesley (E.) made 65.
Leicestershire (1st) 130 runs.

Lancs (2nd) 202 runs for 2 wickets, declared. Makepeace made 101 not out.
Leicestershire (2nd) 190 runs.

The table now stands:—

	W	L	P	Pts	Per
Yorkshire	1	0	0	0	100.00
Lancashire	5	3	0	0	60.00
Middlesex	3	2	0	0	60.00
Nottingham	1	0	0	0	100.00
Surrey	5	2	1	1	65.10
Hants	4	1	0	1	60.00
Somerset	3	1	1	0	50.00
W. Warwickshire	4	0	0	1	100.00
Sussex	3	1	1	0	40.00
Gloucester	4	1	2	0	30.00
Worcester	4	0	1	0	10.00
Derbyshire	2	0	1	0	10.00
Essex	5	0	0	0	100.00
Leicestershire	4	0	2	0	20.00
Northants	3	0	0	0	100.00
Glamorgan	3	0	0	0	100.00

NOW WE KNOW.



and hitting 8 fours. R. J. O. Meyer took 6 wickets for 65 runs.
Cantab (2nd) 81 runs. C. G. Macartney took 4 wickets for 21 runs. C. V. Grimmett 6 for 28.
Australians (2nd) 17 runs for 2 wickets, when stumps were drawn.
There were 4,000 spectators today.

LADY TENNIS PLAYER.

Mrs. W. Lock Wei, a tennis player of note and the wife of the captain of the Chinese tennis team in the Davis Cup, reached Shanghai by the "President Madison" last Saturday. Mr. Wei is now in America, competing in a number of matches this summer, says the "China Press".

[Note: Mr. W. Lock Wei (or Wei Wing-lok, learned his tennis firstly in Hongkong and has played here very often. He is a son of the late Sir Boshan Wei Yuk.)]

paddock gate. So that those who can go inside will know who has drawn the rails, or outside berth, or where the favourite is. This is an advantage. Cannot lists be posted up in both enclosures as well? It would only mean that carbon copies would have to be made. Will the Jockey Club consider this request for the next meeting?

I suppose all hope of getting an up-to-date totalisator, has been abandoned till things are better in the Colony generally but we just live on in hope.

Yours, etc.,

FIVE BUCKS.

Hongkong, May 21.

CHARITY FOOTBALL.

The net proceeds of the charity football match organised by Mrs. Luard, the President of the Military Branch of the Ministering League, realised \$900.

THISTLE, SHAMROCK v. ROSE, LEEK RUGGER TEAM.

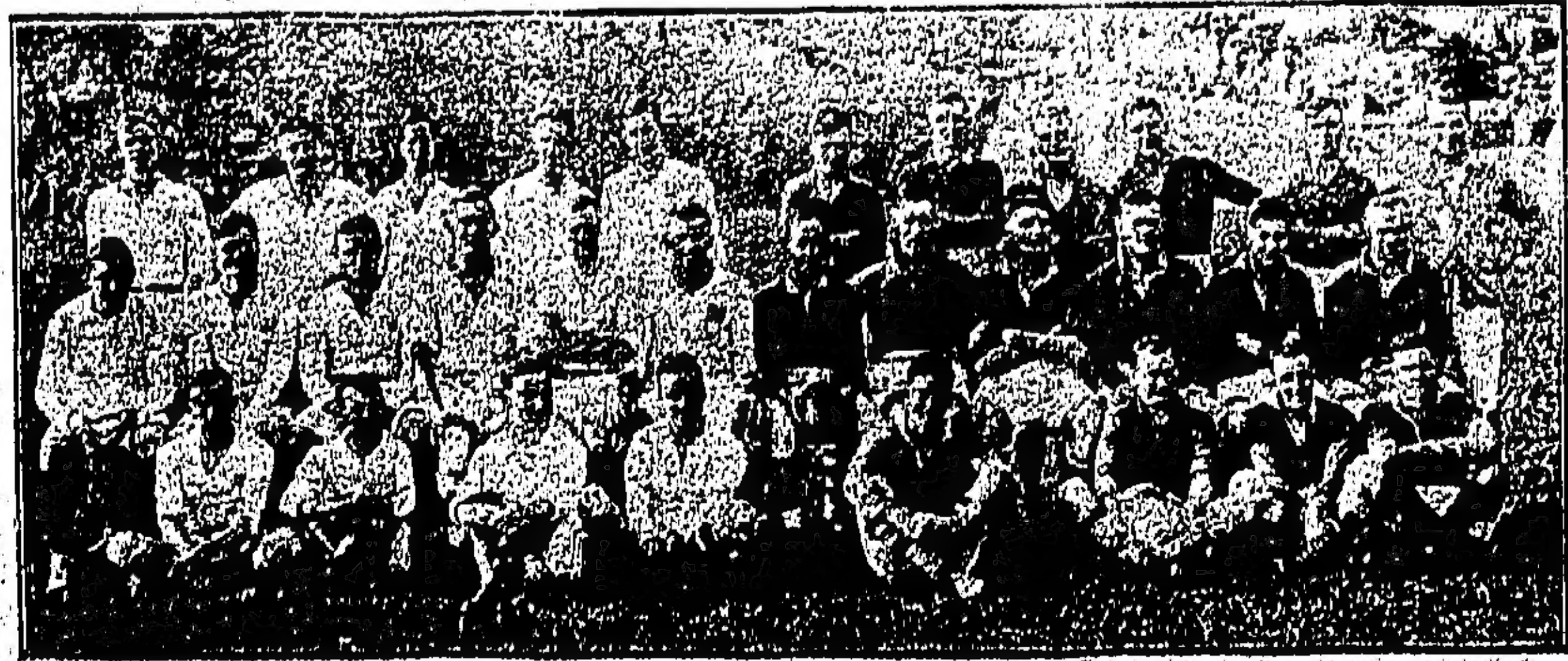


Photo by K. Fujiyama.

Above are the opposing fifteen in last Saturday's international rugby match at King's Park to open the H.K.R.F.C.'s new ground at Kowloon. The "Blue" won by 2 tries (6 points to nil). Teams:—
England and Wales (whites)—E. R. A. Ripplington; O. Skinner, A. C. L. Bowker, A. S. Hett, G. P. Lamert (capt.); C. D. Wales and B. S. Stephenson; H. Foster, R. W. Lee, Lt. M. B. Sherwood, V. E. Jones, Lt. Com. W. S. Green, B. N. Garrard, A. E. Scott, Pay. Lt. J. A. Hussey.
Scotland and Ireland (blues)—Stoker Churchward; Lt. Nicholson, Eng. Com. Mackenzie (capt.); E. R. A. Thomas, A. B. Forgerly; A. B. Ball and J. A. D. Morrison; Shipwright, Povey, H. R. Forsyth, R. Miller, E. R. A. Hodga, E. R. A. Johns, Ldg. Stoker Jeremiah, W. Beveridge, Ldg. Stoker Whittell.

U.S. BASEBALL LEAGUES.

Up till last Sunday morning, the tables in the U.S. major baseball leagues stood at:—

National League.				
	W	L	Pct.	
Brooklyn	17	8	.680	
Cincinnati	18	9	.667	
Chicago	14	10	.583	
New York	13	14	.481	
Pittsburg	12	14	.462	
Philadelphia	11	15	.423	
St. Louis	12	17	.414	
Boston	8	18	.308	
American League.				
	W	L	Pct.	
New York	18	9	.667	
Washington	19	12	.613	
Chicago	17	13	.567	
Cleveland	15	12	.556	
Philadelphia	16	13	.552	
Detroit	12	15	.444	
St. Louis	9	21	.300	
Boston	8	19	.296	

The old Pupils' Association of the Diocesan Girls' School held a social evening at the School yesterday evening. It was well attended, and an excellent musical programme added to the success of the gathering.

CRICKET NOTABILITIES.

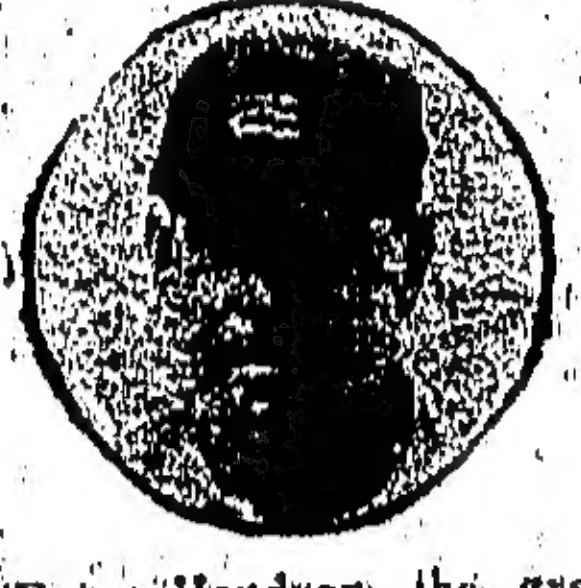
Home Players Mentioned In
To-day's Cables.



A. E. R. Gilligan, the idol of Sussex and England.



P. G. H. Fender, the Surrey captain and all-rounder.



"Patsy" Hendren, the great batsman of Middlesex.



Hearne (J. W.), the Middlesex all-rounder.

EUROPEAN DISAPPEARS.

MISSING BETWEEN PENANG &
PORT SWETENHAM.

Information was received in Kuala Lumpur this morning says the "Malay Mail" of May 13, of the disappearance of Mr. J. H. B. Smith, formerly assistant editor of the "Straits Echo." It appears that Mr. Smith, who was en route to Australia, boarded the "Kiang" on Tuesday evening at Penang for Port Swettenham.
At 1 a.m.—some hours after the boat had left Penang—Mr. Smith was seen by one of the crew, reclining on a long chair reading. That was the last seen of him. When the boat arrived at Port Swettenham the boy, as usual, took the morning coffee to his cabin and found no trace of the passenger, and observed that the bed had not been slept in.
Mr. Smith was booked to sail for Australia, and had a draft on an Australian bank for something like £700, so he was obviously not in monetary difficulties. It is, however, stated that he was in poor health and had been under treatment and observation in the Penang hospital prior to his departure.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MAY 22, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Shareholders' Association.	Estate Brokers' Share & Real Society.
T.T. on London	2/3 1/4	2/3 1/4	2/3 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	70 1/2	70 1/2	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1100 b.	1100 b.	\$1100 b.
Chartered Bank	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	\$212 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & E. C.	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	\$212 1/2 n.
P. & O. Bank	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	\$212 1/2 n.
Bank of East Asia	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	\$212 1/2 n.
Marine Insurance	212 1/2 n.	212 1/2 n.	\$212 1/2 n.
Canton Insurance	600 b.	600 b.	\$600 b.
China Underwriters	100 b.	100 b.	\$100 b.
North China Insurance	1145 n.	1145 n.	\$1145 n.
Union Insurance	288 b.	288 b.	\$288 b.
Yangtze Insurance	37 1/2 b.	44 n.	—
Fire Insurance	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance	180 b.	170 b.	\$180 b.
H.K. Fire Insurance	560 b.	550 b.	\$560 b.
Shipping	—	—	—
Douglases	2 1/2 n.	2 1/2 n.	2 1/2 n.
Hongkong Steamboats	2 1/2 n.	2 1/2 n.	2 1/2 n.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	2 1/2 n.	2 1/2 n.	2 1/2 n.
Indo-China (Prof.)	2 1/2 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	4 1/2 n.	45 n.	45 n.
do. () Hk.	—	—	—
Oriental Navigation	—	—	—
Shell Transport	87 1/2 n.	87 1/2 n.	90 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	86 1/2 n.	86 1/2 n.	86 1/2 n.
Water-boats	15 n.	15 n.	15 n.
Railways	—	—	—
China Sugars	24 1/2 n.	24 1/2 n.	24 n.
Malayan Sugars	35 n.	35 n.	35 n.
Mining	—	—	—
Bengusta	1 1/2 b.	1 1/2 b.	1 1/2 b.
Kallan Mining Ad.	42 1/2 b.	42 1/2 b.	42 1/2 b.
Langkats (Combined)	124 1/2 n.	124 1/2 n.	124 1/2 n.
do. (Single)	12 1/2 n.	12 1/2 n.	12 1/2 n.
Shanghai Exploration	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.
Shanghai Loan	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.
Raub	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.
Tronoh Mines	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.
Ural Caspians	65 1/2 n.	65 1/2 n.	65 1/2 n.
Docks, Wharves & Godowns, &c.	—	—	—
H.K. & W. Wharves	128 1/2 s.	125 b. 127 s.	\$127 s.
H.K. & W. Docks	55 n.	58 s.	57 s.
Hongkows	718 1/2 b.	718 1/2 b.	718 1/2 b.
New Engineering	500 n.	500 n.	500 n.
Shanghai Docks	105 1/2 n.	105 b.	105 n.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	—	—	—
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	10 40 b.	10 35 s.	10 40 b.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	62 b.	62 b.	62 b.
H.K. Realty	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.
H.K. Territorial	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 n.
Humphreys Estates	15 1/2 n.	15 s.	14 1/2 s.
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Mr. Li Kwok-kun (of Messrs. Woo Brothers) and his bride, Miss Ip Pui-kun, who were married at the Hong-kong Hotel last week.

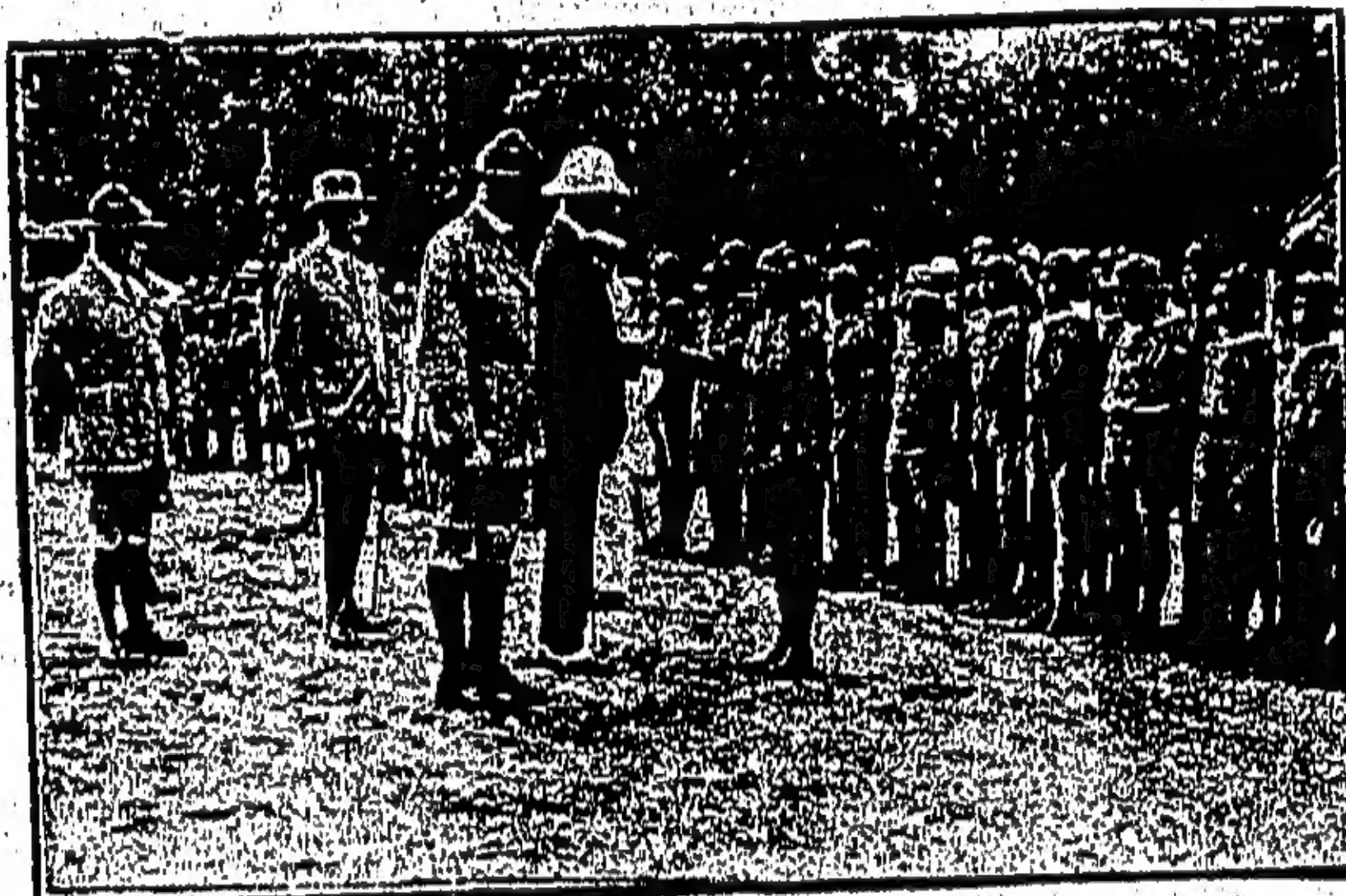


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H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) at last week's Scout Rally. Next to H.E. are the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave (Commissioner and Deputy Camp Chief), Mr. H. B. L. Dowling and Lt. Col. Robertson.



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Scout Master H. Bragg receiving the silver medal and certificate from the Chief Scout, for rescuing a girl at the Po Hing Fong disaster. Some of the spectators are in the background.



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Highland dancing by one of the troops of Scottish boys, an item in the programme of display.



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On the right are Sir Cecil, Lady and Miss Clementi watching the display, with Girl Guides, further back.



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Bamboo tower construction—another item in the display.



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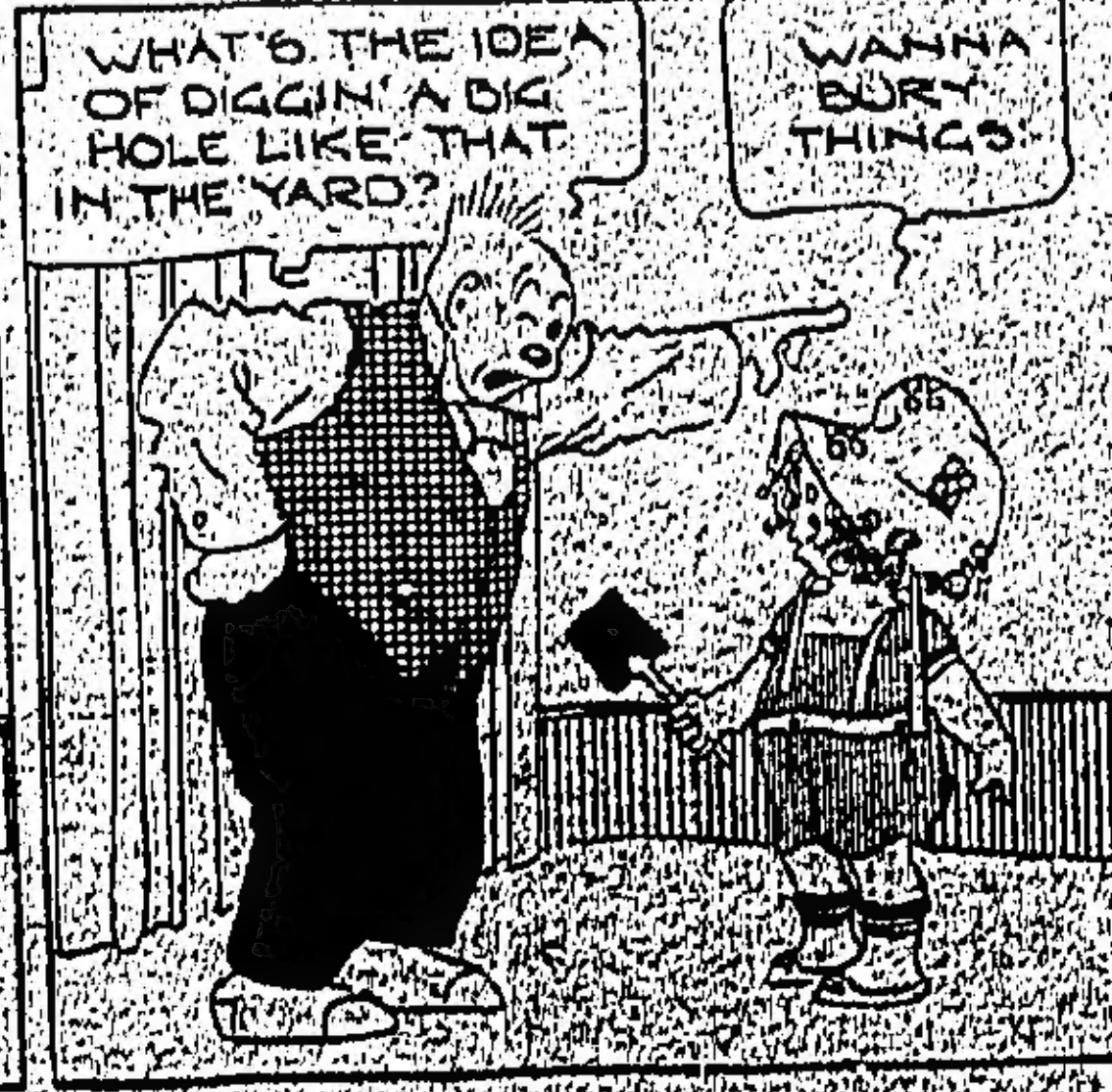
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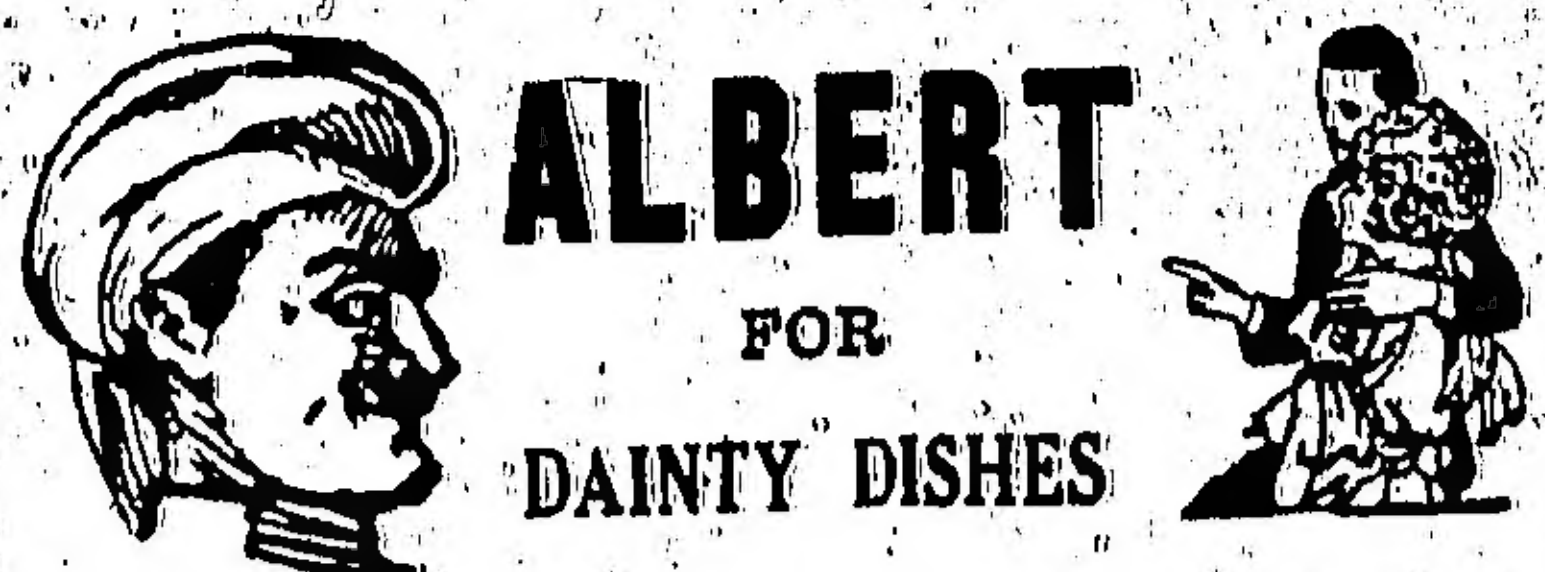
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I could not call it the most comfortable means of getting there, for it is a long journey, taking about an hour. Neither does the major portion of the route offer any special points of interest. There is one outstanding sight which you would see, and one which was reserved for me alone. Shall we take that first?

We were going along the canal bordered with a row of wonderful trees which Abd-el-Hamid tells me are banyan trees. The trunks are almost hidden beneath a defence of boughs or shoots which have grown downward to the ground in such numbers that they resemble a cave of stalactites or some compressed Gothic cathedral.

Through an avenue of these I suddenly saw spread out to dry along the vivid green further bank of the canal yards and yards of washing of a most wonderful mauve, reminding me of the Metcham lavender beds. So charming was it with the sight that I hardly noticed the goal of our trip in the distance; besides, I had already seen a similar view of the Pyramids the previous night under much better conditions when they were shrouded in the tawny cloak of the sunset.

Another Redemptive Feature.

The other redemptive feature of the journey was the crossing the Abbas bridge. As a bridge, Cairo can show better efforts, but from them one does not see this Nile wandering between an expanse of mud flats like the Nile at Tours.

The gray waters of the river, the white sails of the feluccas, the gray-and-white clouds, as if escaped from a painting by Sisley, admiring themselves in the brown mud, all made a picture not easily to be forgotten. But although it was very nice, in its way, Abbas bridge was not what we had met at such an early hour to see, and our response to its meager beauties was not as enthusiastic as it might have been on a more ordinary occasion.

It was perhaps twenty minutes later, and I was pensively contemplating the depressing flatness which is the Nile valley and the grayish yellow sand hills standing guard over the desert, mottled with purple shadows from passing clouds, when I was aroused by that general movement which in a public conveyance denotes arrival at the terminus.

Quite by chance I looked out of the left-hand window, and was amply rewarded for the dullness and the length of our journey. I saw bounding the bright clover green of the Mena golf links, a cliff of sand, and on top of that another cliff of stone towering up into the sky and entirely dwarfing a swarm of minute human beings promenading about its base. That is why I recommend the right side of the tram.

Keep Your Eyes Shut.

After that, if I had been forewarned, I should have shut my eyes tight and kept a firm clutch of Abd-el-Hamid's hand; and that is what I beseech you to do when you go, for the descent from the tram brings one back again to earth with a heavy thud. The tram station is surrounded by dragomans in countless hordes, who with unaided eloquence to recommend them, swarm around one like bargain hunters around a remnant counter.

As we were there a motor arrived with a small party which in an instant was beleaguered by no less than twenty of them. Forcing our way through their ranks and passing a tea garden and a photographer's place (Bedouin costumes can be supplied to ladies and gentlemen, you will be glad to know) and a shop to buy cards, and a garage (really one might just as well be going onto Brighton Pier), we came, still harassed by guides, to a long sloping road down which motorists were scorching. When this also had been surmounted, we had arrived.

At first I was disappointed, not by the Pyramids themselves, but by their surroundings. There is a sandy piece of ground with bits of paper and orange peel blowing about on it, and motor cars parked, and policemen, and small boys kicking a football about, and trippers, and a light railway for the excavations which are constantly going on.

It is all so crude and prosaic that for a moment one's heart sinks, but only for a moment, for when one gets beyond that and comes to the Pyramids themselves all is well again. The photographs on which we have all been brought are old friends, like Bottom the up from infancy incline us to look upon them as old friends, but they weaver most strangely translated.

Instead of the triangle sticking up behind a man on a praying rug and a camel to which we are used, there is a mighty cliff pointing to the clouds and the intense sky, while tiny ants run hither and whither about its base. A few feet from the ground a crowd of insignificant specks turns out to be a party of tourists going to visit the inside; the official entrance, which completely dwarfs them, spreads its great triangle fifty feet above their heads. We turn aside and begin to walk round, feeling



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rather as the soldiers of Israel must have felt parading round the walls of Jericho.

Comparative Heights.

To cheer ourselves up we start repeating a few statistics and trying to remember some of those diagrams in which one is shown the comparative heights of the Pyramids and St. Paul's Cathedral or the Nelson Column. How do they go? Height 481 feet, length 775 feet, 2,800,000 blocks of stone averaging 2½ tons in weight. Then we look up to see how high 481 feet really is, and at once forget all the statistics. It is as if, standing at the foot of some cliff and looking up, all the laws of perspective had suddenly, gone wrong.

The colour is yellow, like cliffs; the surface is uneven, like cliffs; we are walking on sand as if on the beach; there is even at the top a post which might be the flag-staff of a coast-guard station, but instead of the cliff having a top running parallel to the ground, it tapers to a blunt point. The impression of being at the seaside is further heightened by the masses of rock which lie all about the base, debris from the casing of the monument which took 20,000 men twenty years to build, and by the excavations to our right which look like rocks at low tide.

On our right the dusty excavations, on our left the monstrous thing a wonderful golden honey colour in the sun, ahead of us the smaller but still impressive mass of the second Pyramid of Khafra, purple in the shadow, its limestone top glittering dully in the glare of the sun as if growing weary after its 4000 years of scorching.

Period for Meditation.

Some distance away from the present corner of the Great Pyramid is a small space cleared of sand showing where the sides used originally to come to. On this side away from the main entrance it was very quiet. We started climbing up the side, but as it was very hot work and not very good going (the blocks of stone are about three feet six inches high, not in theory a difficult height but in practice and in large quantities a rather trying one), we stopped about twenty feet up, sat down and gave ourselves up to meditation.

What Abd-el-Hamid thought about I don't know. I thought of all sorts of things: of the complex structure of temples and causeways which used to spread its net about the base of the Pyramid, itself only a detail of a great and proud ensemble; of the smaller efforts of the court noblemen at our feet, and of the captive Crusaders who were forced to pull them down to provide material for the new citadel of Saladin; of the desire for gold of Sultan Al Ma'moun, who, hoping to find some in the Pyramids, pulled off their casing.

I was awakened from my reverie by piercing screams. Some boys from a government school were spending their time going for rides on the gorgeously caparisoned camels which take the place of donkeys at this resort, and their enjoyment, unlike mine, was quite unaffected by the thought of the 20,000 men toiling under their overseers at the bidding of King Cheops, who all unknowingly worked at one of the seven wonders of the world—M. J. in "Christian Science Monitor."

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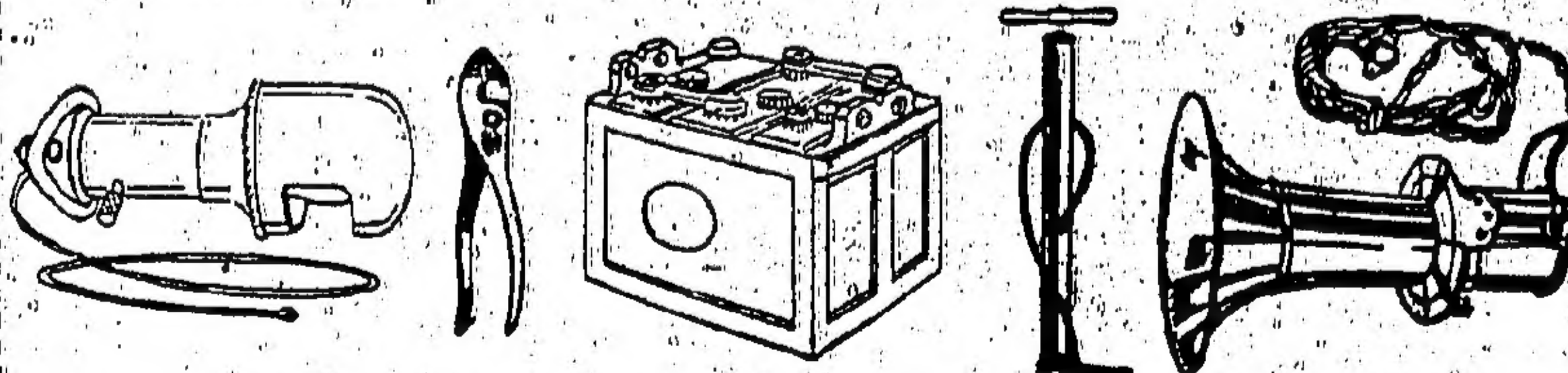
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